



TUOLUMNE COUNTY SHERIFF

28 N LOWER SUNSET DR SONORA, CA 95370 209-533-5815
CORONER DEATH ACCIDENTAL REPORT

Case
21003007

OFFENSES	F/M A/C Offenses CORA Coroner Case Accidental Death				Date Occurred 09/10/21-09/10/21	Time Occurred 1406	Incident # 2109100060			
					Date Reported 09/10/2021	Time Reported 1416				
	Related Cases									
	Date Printed 04/25/2023			Time Printed 11:12:35		Printed By 1721				
	Latitude 37.878510				Longitude -119.412660					
Location Yosemite National Park, Hwy 120/TIOGA Pass Rd, Yosemite, CA 95389				Beat	Area 12020	Disposition Information Only			Dispo Date 09/24/2021	
Location Type Other	Location of Entry	Method of Entry	Point of Entry		Alarm System		Means of Attack (Robbery)			
Victim			Drivers License	Cell Phone		Email				
Residence Address			Notified of Victim Rights	Residence Phone		DOB	Age	Sex	Race	
Business Name and Address				Business Phone		Height	Wt	Hair	Eyes	
Assistance Rendered/Victim Disposition				Transporting Agency		Means of Attack (Assaults)				
Description of Injuries				Other Information						
MENTIONED	Mentioned Howard, Sarah Alyssa			Drivers License	Cell Phone		Email			
	Residence Address Oakland, CA 95361				Residence Phone		DOB	Age 30	Sex F	Race W
	Business Name and Address				Business Phone		Height	Wt	Hair	Eyes
VEHICLES	Suspect Name				Action Taken		Charges			
	Residence Address				Residence Phone		DOB	Age	Sex	Race
	Business Name and Address				Business Phone		Height	Wt	Hair	Eyes
	Identifying Features				Cell Phone		Drivers License		Arrest Number	
	Aliases								CH	
Status			Vehicle Make and Model			License/State		VIN	Val Damgd	
DEPUTIES	Prepared By 1695 - Tholcke, Shane		Date 09/10/2021	Assisted By		Approved By 1674 - Riley, James		Date 10/18/2021		
	Routed To National Park Service Co. Counsel by PDF	Date 01/14/2022 04/12/2023	Routed To	Date	Notes					



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Victim - Deceased Williams, Ryan Douglas	Drivers License	Cell Phone	Email			
Residence Address Oakland, CA 94602		Residence Phone	DOB	Age 32	Sex M	Race W
Business Name and Address		Business Phone	Height	Wt	Hair	Eyes

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NARRATIVE

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21003007**Summary:**

Ryan Douglas Williams died as a result of a rock climbing accident at Yosemite National Park.

Investigation:

On 9/10/21, at approximately 1425 hours, I was dispatched to Yosemite National Park, Yosemite, for a report of a death. I arrived at the Tuolumne Ranger Station and met with Yosemite National Park Investigator Tim Knaus. Inv. Knaus explained that he responded to Doda Dome, located at Lat 37.878510, Lon -119.412660, for a report of a climbing accident. Upon arrival, it was discovered that Ryan Douglas Williams was deceased.

Inv. Knaus provided the following information:

The decedent and his girlfriend, Sarah Alyssa Howards, were at Doda Dome. The decedent was going to rappel down a part of Doda dome while Howards had a harness with a rope attachment and a braking system. There was an error while the decedent began rappelling down the rock wall and the decedent fell between 55 and 60 feet to his death. See Yosemite National Parks Case number 20210910-023 for additional details.

I examined the decedent, which was moved from the accident site to a secure location prior to my arrival. The decedent was currently inside of a black body bag during my inspection. The decedent was covered in blood and appeared to have trauma to the back of his head. Locating the injuries exact location was difficult to find due to the amount of blood and the thickness and length of the decedents hair.

I took photographs, collected fingerprints and placed an identification tag on the decedents right ankle. All of the decedent's property on his person was turned over to Inv. Knaus.

Inv. Knaus explained that a death notification was completed at approximately 1630 hours to the decedent's mother, Lauri Issacson. He provided me with her contact information and Doug Williams contact information, who is the decedents father.

I transported the decedent to the decedent to the TCCF. On 9/14/21, Deputy Christiansen transported the decedent to the SCCF for an autopsy. At the conclusion of the autopsy, the decedent was released to the Allan Mortuary per the request of Doug Williams.

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Date:

09/24/2021

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10/18/2021

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Supplemental Report:

On 1/12/22, I reviewed the autopsy report in this case. The autopsy report indicated on 9/15/21, at approximately 0830 hours, Dr. Ferenc with the Stanislaus County Coroner facility performed an autopsy on the decedent. At the conclusion of the autopsy, Dr. Ferenc listed the cause of death as blunt head injuries.

This case is closed as an accidental death.

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Prepared By: 1695 THOLCKE, SHANE	Date: 01/12/2022	Approved By: 1400 OLIVER, JIM	Date: 01/12/2022
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