



Missing Hunter

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A search for Greg Monroe, 62, began last week after his family notified the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department after he failed to return from a planned hunting trip. According to Jodi Miller, spokeswoman for SBCSD, on October 29 Monroe had told family members he was heading out to go hunting in the New York Mountains, within the Mojave National Preserve. The family contacted deputies at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Needles Station on Nov. 3 and filed a missing persons report. Personnel with the Needles Station began a search operation immediately.

Monroe's vehicle was discovered by searchers in the area of the Pinto Valley, a remote area west of U.S. Highway 95, locked and undisturbed, but that Monroe was nowhere to be found. RMRU was asked to send members to help with the search on November 6. We were given an assignment to search a couple of canyon areas. We finish our search that day and found nothing.

The following day, Thursday, a team from Orange County came upon a 30x30" well shaft which was concealed by brush. One of the Orange County searchers nearly fell into the shaft upon discovering its location. They then looked carefully and spotted a body in the bottom of the well. A confined space team was called in on Friday to remove the body which was determined to be the missing hunter.

RMRU members: Lew Kingman and Glenn Henderson.

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