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Update

Missing person: James Thornton

On Sunday, February 20, 2022, after an extensive search of Keddie Ridge by numerous search and rescue personnel, the body of James Thornton was located. Thornton was last seen on January 17 and was reported missing by family on February 7th. His body was discovered after Search and Rescue located some personal items of Thornton in the area a few days prior and began to focus heavily on this area.

An autopsy has been scheduled to determine the exact cause of death. The case is under investigation.

The Plumas County Sheriff's Office would like to extend our condolences to the Thornton Family. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the CHP Northern Air Division, the California Rescue Dog Association and our own Search and Rescue personnel for their efforts.

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