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**Missing Person, Matthew Beyl, Located Deceased**

On February 8<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:43am search crews located missing man, Matthew Beyl, deceased. Today's search was part of a multiagency search that began yesterday in a remote area approximately six miles off Hwy 190 on Saline Valley Road, below the Nelson Range.

Inyo County Sheriff's Office received a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) from Orange County Sheriff's Office for Beyl the evening of February 5<sup>th</sup>. The information on the BOLO stated that Beyl left his residence in Mission Viejo, CA at 3:15am the morning of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

On February 6<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:00pm Beyl's vehicle was located unoccupied and was reported to Inyo County Sheriff's Dispatch by an off duty law enforcement officer who recognized the vehicle description from the BOLO. Two officers were dispatched to the vehicle and after a search of the surrounding area Beyl was not located; however, a note was left on Beyl's vehicle instructing him to contact Inyo Sheriff. The following day (February 7<sup>th</sup>) there was a more thorough ground search, and aerial reconnaissance was requested to assist. CHP H-82 out of Apple Valley responded.

On February 8<sup>th</sup> teams from Inyo Search and Rescue, Kern County Sheriff, Inyo County Sheriff, and China Lake Mountain Rescue, as well as aerial reconnaissance from CHP H-82, and Kern County Sheriff's Air-5 scoured the remote and rugged terrain near where Beyl's vehicle was located. After several hours of searching Matthew Beyl's remains were located approximately half a mile west from his vehicle. There was no evidence of foul play; all evidence at the scene indicated that Mr. Beyl died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Sheriff's Office extends their gratitude to the men and women who assisted in this search, and we send thoughts of strength to Mr. Beyl's family and friends during this very difficult time.