



TUOLUMNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Bill Pooley
Sheriff-Coroner

To: Crystal Falls Ranch
From: Lt. Craig Davis
Date: April 9th,2021
Subject: **Notice of Investigation and Law Enforcement Operation**

Dear Crystal Falls Ranch Association President and Board-

The Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office has been investigating the case of missing person Troy Galloway since January of 2016. At the time of his disappearance Mr. Galloway was a resident of your area, who resided on Crystal Lake Dr.

Mr. Galloway was a Son, Husband, Father and Veteran. At the time of his disappearance, his two children were of infant and toddler age.

The Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office's investigation has been long and arduous. All information, leads, tips etc. have been thoroughly investigated and vetted. Unfortunately, all evidence indicates that Mr. Galloway is deceased.

Evidence obtained through Investigative efforts, technological training, and advancements have provided Detectives with evidence that pinpoint Mr. Galloway's last known location as being in the water of Crystal Falls Lake. This coupled with supporting incidents, interviews and witness accounts further strengthen the evidence, and support the fact that Mr. Galloway entered the water and was never seen exiting.

A previous sonar scan of the reservoir was conducted in attempt to locate Mr. Galloway with negative results. All other investigative efforts have been exhausted prior to our investigative conclusion, which brings us back to Crystal Falls Lake.

It is now our primary function to attempt to locate and recover Mr. Galloway's remains. We will do our best to provide closure for his family and friends. As Law Enforcement function dictates, we investigate many facets of criminal activity, suspicious deaths and recovering human remains are among those.

The Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office has a **legal obligation** to recover human remains, and provide proper burial as outlined by Government Code 27491 - which in part states:

27491. It shall be the duty of the coroner to inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner, and cause of all violent, sudden, or unusual deaths; unattended deaths; deaths where the deceased has not been attended by either a physician or a registered nurse, who is a member of a hospice care interdisciplinary team, as defined by subdivision (g) of Section 1746 of the Health and Safety Code in the 20 days before death; deaths related to or following known or suspected self-induced or criminal abortion; known or suspected homicide, suicide, or accidental poisoning; deaths known or suspected as resulting in whole or in part from or related to accident or injury either old or recent; deaths due to drowning.

On or about the last week in April of 2021, the Sheriff's Office will instruct the CFA to drain the Crystal Falls Lake to further our Investigation. The lake will be drained and allowed the process to begin to dry the lakebed, so investigative efforts utilizing equipment and manpower can safely be utilized.

We ask that in conjunction with our investigation, and in partnership with you, while being sympathetic to your association members recreational desires. We ask that you facilitate your Crystal Falls Lake maintenance to unilaterally assist us with our search.

We recognize that this will cause some unintended consequences, resulting in your association members losing the use of the lake. We apologize for this inconvenience and ask your member ship to consider the severity of this incident, and that our motive behind this is to bring much needed closure for Mr. Galloway's loved ones.

Due to the sensitivity and nature of this investigation we will require that you restrict all access to the lake and lakebed area, until our investigation is concluded. We anticipate this process to take a from several days to a couple of weeks, obviously certain aspects such as mother nature are out of our control.

We value our community partnerships and thank you in advance for your cooperation. We know that working together we can find mutual beneficial resolution to many problems. On behalf of Sheriff Bill Pooley,

Respectfully,

Lt. Craig Davis