

# Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Press Release

## (Title of Crime/Incident) Missing Person with Search and Rescue Operation

**Report Number:** 2015-20646

**Coroner Number:**

**Crime/Incident:** Missing Person with Search and Rescue Operation

**Location:** 8400 block of North Highway 1 Little River, Ca

**When: Date:** 08-21-2015 **Time:** 12:22 PM

**Victim Info :**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City, State</b>
<b>Victim #1:</b>	Yoshihiro Ohhashi	57		Pleasanton, Ca

**Suspect Info:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City, State</b>
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**Written by:** Sergeant Dustin Lorenzo

**Synopsis:**

On 08-21-2015 at approximately 12:22 PM, Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to Cobbler's Point, located in the 8400 block of North Highway 1 in Little River, California to assist the California State Parks with the search for a missing person.

Deputies arrived and learned the missing person (adult male) was visiting the Mendocino Coast with a friend. Both men entered the Pacific Ocean at Cobbler's Point to dive for abalone.

The friend became ill from the rough ocean conditions and exited the water. While exiting the water, the friend lost sight of the missing person and climbed to the top of the bluff.

From the top of the bluff, only the missing person's overturned flotation device was visible. The friend ran to Van Damme State Park and contacted emergency services.

Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department launched water and ground rescue assets, United States Coast Guard responded with marine and aerial units and personnel with the California State Parks, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and Mendocino County Search and Rescue responded to assist with the search.

The search continued throughout the afternoon and was ultimately suspended at darkness, with arrangements made to resume the following morning.

On 08-22-2015 at approximately 12:01 PM, Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department Divers located the missing person near the spot he was last seen at a depth of approximately 15 feet and confirmed he was deceased.

The cause of death was not obvious at the time the decedent's body was recovered. A coroner's investigation was initiated and the cause of death is pending completion of an autopsy and toxicology screening.

The missing person was subsequently identified as being Yoshihiro Ohhashi from Pleasanton, California.

**Approved By:** Captain Greg Van Patten

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