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Fresno Man Missing Since Labor Day Weekend Found Deceased

On Saturday, December 14th, a hiker walking in the area of the Garnet Dike boat launch (Upper Kings River area) found human remains and reported the discovery to the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. Members of the Coroner's Office responded and collected the body. An examination confirmed it to be 65 year old Hans Lamaack of Fresno. A cause of death has not been determined.

On September 24th, deputies and volunteers with the Fresno County Search and Rescue (SAR) Team began searching the wilderness for Hans Lamaack. He was last seen in the City of Fresno on August 30, 2019. The Sheriff's Office was made aware that he was missing on September 24th, when deputies found Lamaack's car, a 2001 Volvo. It was parked near Garnet Dike Campground, which is located along the upper Kings River near Balch Camp. Lamaack was found approximately three miles away from where his vehicle was parked.

At the end of August, family members reported Lamaack missing to the Fresno Police Department. No leads were generated until the weekend of September 20 - 21. On those dates, a bicyclist riding in a remote area of Trimmer Springs Road saw a Volvo parked with no one around. The cyclist thought it seemed out of place and took down the license plate number. He later reported it to law enforcement. Fresno Police discovered it matched a vehicle in its missing person case. Fresno Police then asked the Sheriff's Office to check the area for the car, which deputies later found.

Anyone with additional information about Lamaack's disappearance is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at (559) 600-3111.