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**DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK MULTIAGENCY SAR**

-Final Press Release-

INYO COUNTY, CA, APRIL 9, 2021 – At approximately 11:40am today Inyo County Search and Rescue team members were able to access the remote and steep ledge where missing campers Alexander Lofgren and Emily Henkel were located yesterday via aerial reconnaissance in the Willow Creek area of Death Valley National Park (DVNP).

The Inyo County Sheriff's Office confirmed that Alexander Lofgren is deceased; custody was transferred to the Inyo County Coroner. An investigation will follow to determine the cause and manner of death. Emily Henkel was located alive and flown out for medical treatment by Lemoore Naval Air Station.

The technical search and rescue that took place today followed a lengthy search throughout DVNP that was initiated Tuesday April 6, after Inyo County Sheriff's Office received notification that Lofgren and Henkel had not returned by their due date of April 4.

"This has been a tremendously difficult operation in a very unforgiving geographic area of Inyo County, I sincerely hope for healing and recovery for all involved," stated Inyo County Sheriff Jeff Hollowell.

The Inyo County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following assisting agencies: Inyo County Search and Rescue, Death Valley National Park, Bureau of Land Management, and CalOES. For aerial support we would like to thank China Lake Naval Weapons Base, Lemoore Naval Air Station, Army National Guard, and CHP.

\*Original DVNP SAR press release and update from 4/8/21 can be accessed here:  
[https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2021-04/DVNP\\_SAR\\_4.8.21.pdf](https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2021-04/DVNP_SAR_4.8.21.pdf)  
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