



ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

550 N. FLOWER STREET
SANTA ANA, CA 92703
714-647-7000
WWW.OCS.D.ORG

SHERIFF-CORONER
SANDRA HUTCHENS

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Manager Carrie Braun:
W: 714-647-7042
C: 714-904-7042

Body found in Borrego Park ID'd as missing 19-year-old

LAKE FOREST, Ca. (Jan. 10, 2018) - The body of a 19-year-old man found in Borrego Park by Orange County Sheriff's investigators has been identified as missing person Blaze Bernstein.

Bernstein was last seen at about 11 p.m. on Jan. 2, and was reported missing by his family to Sheriff's Department investigators on Jan. 3.

Approximately 25 members of the Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team surveyed the park and adjacent wilderness area Whiting Ranch on Friday Jan. 5, Saturday, Jan. 6, and Sunday, Jan. 7, as investigators actively worked the case.

On Tuesday afternoon, at approximately 2 p.m., a search of the Foothill Ranch park was initiated by Sheriff's investigators. Bernstein's body was discovered in the brush surrounding the park.

This case is now being investigated as a homicide. An autopsy will be performed today. No additional information regarding the cause of death or the condition of the body will be released at this time.

Sheriff's investigators are actively following multiple leads, but no suspect is in custody.

The investigation into this case is active and ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department at 714-647-7000. Anonymous tips may also be submitted to Orange County Crime Stoppers at 855-TIP-OCCS.

###



ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

550 N. FLOWER STREET
SANTA ANA, CA 92703
714-647-7000
WWW.OCSD.ORG

**SHERIFF-CORONER
SANDRA HUTCHENS**