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SOLVED: MISSING FOR 26 YEARS

Mesa County, Colo. — On the evening of Thursday, May 9, 2013, deputies were dispatched to John Brown Canyon, south of Gateway, Colo. A hiker reported finding a partially buried vehicle with skeletal remains inside.

Deputies, Mesa County Search and Rescue, and the Mesa County Coroner recovered the remains and various personal items from the vehicle, giving closure to a family who made a missing person report in 1987. The Mesa County Sheriff's Office took that missing person report on August 6, 1987, from Audrey Vasey reporting her husband Ronald Vasey. In 1987, Ronald was 65 years old and in poor health.

Earlier today the Mesa County Coroner released Ronald's identity and listed the manner of death as suicide.

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