

Middlebury Police Department

Media Release

February 16, 2008 6:00 p.m.

SUB: Missing Person Investigation

Nicholas A. Garza, age 19, student, Middlebury College

Saturday, February 16, members of Colchester Technical Rescue, Upper Valley Wilderness Response Team, Vermont Fish & Wildlife, Norwich University Cold Weather Rescue Team, and the Vermont State Police Search and Rescue Team resumed the ground search at Middlebury College. A large swath of campus grounds bounded Route 30 to the south and Freeman Way to the north; The Ridgeline and Bicentennial Way in the west to points east of Old Chapel Rd. have been physically searched by probing and investigating any anomalies under the snow cover.

The objective of the ground search is to locate Nicholas Garza and any evidence that may lead to his recovery.

Simultaneously, the Middlebury Police Department conducted the missing person investigation.

The ground search ended at 4:00 p.m. The search did not yield any leads as to the whereabouts of Nicholas Garza. The multi-team ground search at this time is suspended until any new leads are developed that could better guide the search teams.

Another ground search will continue, commencing Sunday, February 17, focusing on snow piles in a number of target areas on the campus.

The Middlebury Police investigation is focusing on any student movements and campus activity between 11 p.m. on February 5th and 8 a.m. on February 6th. Interviews are on-going in an attempt to locate any person who may be able to provide information on what happened to Nicholas.

No new information was developed today. The investigation will resume on Sunday, February 17th.