

## **Middlebury Police Department**

### **Media Release**

**26 March 2008**

#### **SUB: Missing Person Investigation – Nicholas Garza**

Ground search operations are scheduled to resume Thursday, March 26 around the Middlebury College Campus. The ground search is being directed by the Vermont State Police Search and Rescue Team under the direction of Lt. Jocelyn Stohl. The search team will be comprised of elements from a number of different search and rescue teams along with canines from New England Canine.

Media information follows:

- Search areas will be closed to the public and the media.
- Parking - The designated area for media vehicle parking is on Old Chapel Road, a private Middlebury College right-of-way accessible from Vermont Route 125 (College Street).
- Briefing area – All media briefings and interviews will take place in Forest Hall, located on College Street a short distance from Old Chapel Road.
- The initial morning briefing is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. at Forest Hall. Subsequent briefings and updates will be held at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. with a final briefing at the cessation of the day's activities, time to be determined Thursday.
- Interim briefings may be scheduled as the need arises or should there be any significant developments.
- Mr. Thomas Scanlon is the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the day. Chief Hanley of the Middlebury Police Department will be

available at the end-of-day briefing. All police, public safety, and search and rescue staff will refer to the PIO for comments.

There are still areas of significant snow and ice depth around the campus area. These areas will be searched in so far as possible.

Small scale search and spot-search operations have been continuing since late February but continued to be hampered by snow and ice conditions. An aerial search on March 18 confirmed the difficulty of searching under current ground conditions.

Follow-up searches, should they be needed, are in the planning and assessment stage.

All media releases can be found at [www.middleburypolice.org](http://www.middleburypolice.org) click on "News" go to the link for the Missing College Student.

Thomas Hanley  
Chief of Police