

**Middlebury Police Department
Media release**

8 April 2008

SUB: Missing Person Investigation – Nicholas Garza

Investigation

The investigation into the manner and cause of the disappearance of Nicholas Garza continued today. No significant information was developed and the investigation will continue tomorrow. Adjunct investigators retained by the Department in March are still on assignment in their efforts to develop any investigative leads.

Ground Search

A ground search was conducted today in areas that were snow-bound up to last week. These areas included the western edge of the campus area from College Street east to South Street and included many wooded areas of the Ridgeline and areas surrounding the Ralph Myhre Golf Course.

In addition, the area from Frog Hollow, along the east shore of Otter Creek northbound along the Creek was searched. Piles of snow removed from campus areas during snow removal operations were researched, this was initially done during the first week of the investigation when an excavator pulled through the sifted the piles.

Nothing was found relevant to the missing person investigation.

Water Search

The Saranac (NY) Fire Department Technical Rescue Team is scheduled to be on site Wednesday morning on Mill Street in Middlebury. The Team with up to 16 members augmented by members of the Middlebury Fire Department will begin the underwater search of Otter Creek.

A Media parking area is being provided in the municipal parking lot at the bottom of Mill Street in the Frog Hollow area. This will provide media access to the shoreline for photographs and video footage. We ask that the media do NOT park in the Marble Works complex across the river so as not to interfere with business concerns there. An opening briefing will be held in the media area at 10:30 a.m. Members of the Saranac Team will not be available for interviews while working. We will arrange a briefing schedule with the Saranac Fire Department and provide an interview time at the 10:30 briefing.

Chief Thomas Hanley