



# Chelan County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports on July 16, 2014 at 1357 hours, Rivercom dispatch received a call advising that a paraglider crashed after leaving the top of the Chelan Butte. Witnesses were able to reach him and started CPR immediately. CPR was eventually stopped and the paraglider was pronounced dead at the scene.

Witnesses say a 55 year old David A. Norwood of Wapato, WA. left the Butte and began ascending when one side of his chute collapsed and he started descending rapidly. The victim crashed approximately 150 yards downhill from where he took off. Norwood was well known within the paraglider community.

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