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Up on the roof



MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

Michael Stoyanov, with A&M Services, clears snow from the roof of Rabbit Ears Motel on Tuesday afternoon.

Lopez died from head injury

Melinda Dudley PILOT & TODAY STAFF

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Sgt. 1st Class Richard Lopez died Monday from "severe cranial and cerebral trauma," according to autopsy results. Steamboat Springs police said the suspects in his alleged assault may not face murder charges.



Lopez

Preliminary results of the autopsy performed Tuesday in Arapahoe County indicate the Army Special Forces soldier took two blows to the face during a fight Friday at Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue before falling and hitting the back of his head on the ground, Arapahoe County Coroner Mike Dobersen said. Lopez had no other injuries, and it was the pavement, not his assailants, that dealt the most serious blow, Dobersen said.

The Steamboat Springs Police Department is investigating Lopez's death as a homicide, but that doesn't mean the two unnamed suspects will face murder charges, police Capt.

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

Table with snow report data: New snow - Mid-mountain\* 14 in., Total snow† 159 in., Trails open 165/165, Base - Mid-mountain 54 in., Lifts open 16/18, Base - Summit 65 in., Conditions Powder

\*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org



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