



Public Affairs Division:

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Missing Man Search – Borrego Springs

Public Affairs Director Jan Caldwell is on her way to Borrego Springs to hold a media briefing regarding the search for a missing desert hiker. Members of the media can proceed to the 43 mile marker of S-2 or State Route 2. Go east on a dirt road that's called Vallecito Creek. Make a sharp left turn at Arroyo Tapiado and go north until you see the Command Post.

24-year-old Guillermo Pino has been missing since Sunday, April 8th. He went missing around noon while out exploring the caves with this family in an area called Arroyo Tapiado, two miles from the mouth of the wash. He is described as a fairly experienced hiker with no known medical conditions. Mr. Pino has dark hair, is 6 feet tall, and weighs 180 pounds. He was last seen wearing jeans and a red shirt. He had no shoes, food, water, flashlight or a cell phone.

50 to 60 searchers are looking for Mr. Pino. The search resumed at 6:30 a.m. today and will continue until dark. The terrain in the Arroyo Tapiado area is extremely rugged with loose dirt and steep terrain. There are also lots of ravines, washes and mud caves in the area that's why it's dubbed as "Badlands."

The following agencies are taking part in the search:

- San Diego Sheriff's Search and Rescue with two dogs
- Borrego Sheriff's Substation
- Red Cross
- San Diego Mountain Rescue
- Sycuan Fire Department
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Search and Rescue
- Riverside County Sheriff's Search and Rescue
- San Bernardino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue
- State Parks
- BORSTAR (Border Patrol Search, Trauma Rescue Unit)

Sheriff's ASTREA has been helping with the search, but cannot fly today because of the weather.

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