



# MISSING HIKER FOUND IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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**Montgomery County, Virginia** – A 19-year-old Roanoke County man was rescued this afternoon off Brake Road on Poor Mountain in Montgomery County. Koby Karuzis was carried off the mountain around 1:40 p.m. and transported to Roanoke Memorial Hospital. The patient was coherent and appeared to suffer abrasions and bruises after falling off a cliff Sunday morning and spending the night in the woods trying to find his way out by walking around the cliff.

Karuzis had gone with two friends to a scenic overlook to shoot photographs on Poor Mountain when he lost his footing and fell off a cliff into a ravine, according to his father Mark Karuzis. When he did not return to the car, the friends called 911 and a search began to pinpoint the man's location.

Rescuers with a search dog team located the hiker at around 10 a.m. Monday in a densely wooded area. While some rescuers stayed with him, other rescuers cleared a path with chainsaws to allow an all-terrain vehicle through with a Stokes basket to carry him out.

The rescue involved the Elliston, Shawsville, Blacksburg and Christiansburg rescue squads, Christiansburg Fire, Montgomery County Sheriff's TAC Team, Roanoke County rescue personnel and Blue Ridge Search and Rescue. A total of about 50 personnel participated in the rescue.

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