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Subject: **BODY LOCATED IN NEW YORK STATE, UNITED STATES, BELIEVED TO BE MISSING ARMY MEMBER**
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Body located in New York State, United States, believed to be missing Army member

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- US authorities have located a body, believed to be that of a missing Army member, in the vicinity of Scarface Mountain, south east of Saranac Lake, New York State, United States.
- The member was reported missing in Saranac Lake and was last seen on 31 December 2013 walking along a road towards Lake Placid, New York State.
- The member was posted to a Canberra-based Defence organisation and was on leave in the US.

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT:

- US authorities discovered the body at approximately 1200, 15 January 2014 Eastern Standard Time (EST), New York State local time (0400, 16 January 2014 AEDT).

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- Positive identification of the body is subject to a US Coroner's report.
- Defence is continuing to provide assistance to the member's family and US authorities.

MEDIA INTEREST:

- New York State Police are expected to advise local media of this development early on the morning of 16 January 2014 (EST, New York State local time).

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