

Avalanche Kills Utah Skier

EDEN, Utah (UPI) — An avalanche swept over a skier in an area posted off-limits due to the slide danger, killing the man and closing the highway to a northern Utah ski resort, the Weber County Sheriff's office said.

"He was skiing outside the designated Powder Mountain Resort area, in a no-trespass area," said Sgt. William Giles.

Giles identified the victim as Charles Beacon, 29, of Ogden, Utah. He said Beacon was unconscious when his body was recovered about 20 minutes after he was buried by the avalanche Friday. Beacon was dead on arrival at an Ogden hospital.

Beacon was skiing with another man about 2 p.m. when he apparently triggered the slide. Giles said

the other skier had already gone down the hill and led rescuers to the site where they found Beacon buried under six feet of snow.

Giles said it is a misdemeanor for skiers to enter posted avalanche areas. He said the resort would have to decide whether to seek trespass charges against the second skier.