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Stranded - Darkness, Inadequate Equipment

Colorado, Eldorado Canyon State Park, Redgarden Wall

On August 15 at 1 a.m., Rocky Mountain Rescue Group, Rocky Mountain Fire, an American Medical Response ambulance, and the Boulder County Sheriff's Office responded to Redgarden Wall due to a report of a stranded climber. Kyle Willis (27) and Ryan Watts (24) had been climbing in the area and became separated after dark. Ryan was able to make it down, and then happened to run into Allison Sheets, a member of Rocky Mountain Rescue Group. She summoned other team members, and they were able to successfully guide Kyle down to the base. He was uninjured. (Source: Boulder County Sheriff's Office.)

Analysis

When climbing late in the day, climbers should carry a headlamp along with equipment and clothing to sustain them through the night if necessary. (Source: Aram Attarian.)

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