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### **Fatal Fall – Climbing Unroped**

Oregon, Mt. Washington

**At around noon on June 30, Brian Robak (28) left Big Lake Youth Camp to attempt Mt. Washington (7,795 feet).** Robak posted a social media photo confirming that he'd reached the summit at approximately 4:30 p.m. He was reported missing around 3 a.m. Searchers located personal possessions below Mt. Washington's standard route (the north ridge, 5.2) and his body was located via aircraft on July 2.

#### **ANALYSIS**

It is not possible to know the exact thought processes at play in this accident. The subject attempted the 5th-class descent from the summit without a rope or any protection. (This descent usually involves two rappels.) He was carrying a backpack and traveling in Converse Chuck Taylor shoes. There are no indications that he was off route. Weather was not a factor, and the fall most likely occurred during daylight hours. (Source: Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue.)

## Images

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