

The body of a 21-year-old Washington State University student was discovered on the side of the Moscow-Pullman Highway in Pullman Saturday morning.

Stuart J. Robertson was identified by the Pullman police after they received a report of an unconscious person around 5:30 a.m., and he was declared dead on the scene after apparently falling 40 feet from a cliff.

Robertson is believed to have been walking near the cliffs Friday night after attending a party at the Chinook Village Apartments, according to a news release issued by the police. The release said drinking did take place at the party and Robertson was said to have left around midnight, according to witnesses.

Police are being assisted by the Washington State Patrol from the Spokane office in the investigation. An autopsy will be performed this week to determine the exact cause of death, which was initially believed to have been a pedestrian-vehicle accident.

Robertson is originally from Bend, Ore., and was majoring in viticulture and enology, which are both related to the study of grapes and wine production.