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**Missing Santa Fe Woman Located**

Los Alamos – Thilay Lama, 26 of Santa Fe is safe after Search and Rescue members located Lama and the State Police Helicopter extracted her from the rough terrain in the Bandalier National Park.

After family members had not heard from Thilay Lama Thursday afternoon they notified Santa Fe Police Department as a missing person, upon gathering enough information a be on the lookout (BOLO) was provided to Law Enforcement across the state. Friday afternoon Park Rangers at the Bandalier National Park had seen her vehicle, Los Alamos Police Department confirmed it was Lamas 2001 Toyota Rav 4. A precursor search of the area turned up nothing, immediately requiring a Search and Rescue activation since all of her belonging were still in the vehicle bringing suspicions up.

Search and Rescue teams were activated and began searching Friday afternoon just off State Road 4 in the National Park, starting with two teams and a command post. By this morning there were close to 50 SAR team members to include members of the National Park and Los Alamos Police Department. State Police Aircraft was activated this morning just after 8:00 AM to further assist in the search, upon arrival and after 30 minutes of a grid search of the canyons. A Search and Rescue member of the National Park located Lama. Due to the terrain where Lama was at, Aircraft 606 piloted by Officer V. Gallegos and assisted by a Tactical Flight Officer had to be flown into a heavily wooded area of the canyon and provided a timely extraction. Lama was coherent and was subsequently airlifted to a landing zone where medics where standing by to transport her to Los Alamos Medical Center.

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