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Printed: 22.07.03 10.50**APPENDIX 1**Innsbruck Federal Gendarmerie HQ  
Innsbruck Provincial Gendarmerie HQ**Subject:** Discovery of glacier corpse - att. BI Cech, Alpine Special Services Unit,  
and AI<sup>1</sup> Krappinger CID**Situation report on the discovery of the glacier corpse on the Schaufelferner, Stubai glacier:**

On 18 July 2003 at 15.35, BI<sup>2</sup> Jungsmann took off in a Dragonfly helicopter from Innsbruck airport to conduct a search mission and transport a search team to the Sulzenauferner. After landing on the Mutterbergalm parking lot he discussed with BI Widerin (air rescuer of NAH-C1<sup>3</sup>) how to proceed further with the search operation on the Sulzenauferner. In the course of the conversation it was learnt that a glacier corpse had been found on the Schaufelferner, in the Stubai glacier skiing area. As transporting the team to the Sulzenauferner took priority, however, a few flights were made with mountain rescuers and alpine gendarmes. During one of the breaks further inquiries were made about the glacier corpse. Meanwhile the local alpinist was engaged in the search operation on the Sulzenauferner. After it was learnt that the glacier corpse was close to the lifts at Eisgrat, a reconnaissance flight was made there, the exact time of which can be ascertained from the flight log, flight operations base Innsbruck. The Dragonfly landed in the vicinity of the glacier corpse and overview photos were taken. BI Jungsmann went with one of the lift employees to the discovery site and found the glacier corpse in an unaltered state. Photos were taken of the discovery site and the corpse. As the officer had no GPS with him, the precise

<sup>1</sup> AI stands for Assistenzinspektor = assistant inspector [Transl.]

<sup>2</sup> BI stands for Bezirksinspektor = district inspector [Transl.]

<sup>3</sup> Unknown acronym, but may stand for Nachrichtenhubschrauber = reconnaissance helicopter. [Transl.]

location of the accident site could unfortunately not be determined, but that was rectified later (see the photographs as well). The approximate GPS coordinates were: 011° 06' 45" East and 46° 58' 54" North. The site lies between chair-lift (drag lift?) supports 6 and 7, and between the cable railway and the service cableway leading eastward from it, some 25 m east of the lifts.

The corpse was still partly encased in ice, but some of the bones and clothing were free. A red-and-white ski boot and partially damaged snowboard could be distinguished. In addition the corpse was dressed in a yellow anorak and blue clothes and was lying frozen in a very narrow crevasse—actually a mere crack or fissure in the surface.

As the Dragonfly had been called away for search and transport duties in the Sulzenauferner area, the lift employees were given the task of freeing the corpse. They were then asked to wrap the corpse and all items found with it in a shroud, place it in a body bag, take it to the landing strip by the restaurant and get it ready for removal. At 18.20 the corpse was flown from the landing strip near the Eisgrat restaurant to the valley and handed over to the undertaker and officer Ortner from the gendarmerie station in Telfs. He and officer Schlögl from the Neustift gendarmerie station made further inquiries.

The Dragonfly flew back to Innsbruck at 19.25 and then on to St. Ulrich. The corpse was not searched for identity papers or anything similar, but merely packaged and flown to the valley.

For further information, please contact BI Jungmann.

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