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WHAT DID I GET MYSELF INTO?

Caleb Noack competes in the slalom finals at the 2022 Canadian Whitewater Championships in Kananaskis Country on Sunday (Aug. 7).

JUNGMIN HAM RMO PHOTO

Banff resident remembered fondly by a community in shock

GREG COLGAN

BANFF – Ethan Enns-Goneau is remembered as a positive and loved person.

The 26-year-old always had a smile on his face and could light up any room he entered. As a born and raised Banff resident, Enns-Goneau was well-known in the community as a participant in sports and his job as a bartender.

“Ethan lit a room up with his smile. He was always smiling. The only time you’d ever see him not smile was for three minutes if the [Winnipeg] Jets or [Toronto] Raptors lost and every other time, he was happy go lucky,” said Bunny Julius, the owner of Melissa’s Missteak where Enns-Goneau worked for 13 years.

“He loved the mountains, loved his job. He was always smiling at work. He worked for me for half his life. He was a pleasant person to be around at all times.

... An electrifying person when entering a room. He brought every room up when he entered.”

Enns-Goneau was killed Aug. 5 at Dancing Sasquatch when he was stabbed in the bathroom after recently going to the bar with a friend.

Having only arrived at Dancing Sasquatch, Enns-Goneau went to use the bathroom while his friend went to the bar to order drinks for the two and say hello to the bartender.

Julius said the friend saw the doorman running toward the bathroom and the friend, also a doorman at Melissa’s, followed. Enns-Goneau’s friend saw CPR being performed on a person and ran to nearby Mount Royal Hotel to get the defibrillator and assist with CPR.

Police and paramedics responded at about 2:30 a.m. and rushed Enns-Goneau to Banff Mineral Springs Hospital where he passed away.

John-Christopher Arrizza, 22, was taken into cus-

tody Friday morning and later charged with second degree murder Aug. 6. Arrizza appeared at Canmore provincial court Wednesday morning (Aug. 10) via CCTV after he had been charged by RCMP Saturday (Aug. 6) in stabbing Enns-Goneau.

The brief first appearance lasted less than five minutes, with Arrizza appearing via CCTV from Calgary where he’s been remanded in custody. Arrizza, 22, appeared in a dark blue prison jumpsuit. He came across as both calm and relaxed and responded to a question confirming his name.

A plea wasn’t entered due to a Crown attorney not yet being assigned and disclosure still ongoing. Arrizza was represented by Calgary-based lawyer Katherin Beyak. The hearing was adjourned to a later date in August.

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