

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

News Release



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Apparent drowning on Lake Minnetonka

July 30, 2011 (MINNEAPOLIS) – At 7:36 p.m., the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office received a report of an apparent drowning on Lake Minnetonka.

A man in his 40's from Minneapolis was visiting friends who live on the lake and they went out boating. While in Wayzata Bay, the man jumped from the boat and into the water, he swam approximately 25 feet, and assisted a friend with repairing a personal watercraft. While swimming back to the boat, the man struggled in the water, his friends attempted to rescue him but they were not able to do so.

The following agencies responded to the scene and began searching for the victim; Orono Police Department, Navarre/Long Lake Fire Department, Wayzata Fire Department, Minnesota State Patrol (helicopter), and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.

The victim has not yet been located, as of 11:45 p.m. The Sheriff's Office plans to continue the search through the overnight hours. Severe weather is threatening the area and the overnight search is contingent on weather conditions. If weather causes a temporary suspension of the search, the search efforts would resume when weather permits.

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office will investigate the incident.

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