

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

News Release



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Drowning victim recovered from Lake Minnetonka

August 4, 2011 (MINNEAPOLIS) – The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office has recovered the body of a drowning victim from Lake Minnetonka.

The victim, a man in his 40's from Minneapolis, had been missing since approximately 7:36 p.m. on Saturday, July 30. The Sheriff's Office has been conducting an ongoing search since responding to the incident.

On Wednesday, sonar equipment located the victim's body in approximately 70 feet of water in Lower Lake North. Members of the Sheriff's Office Dive Team made the recovery at approximately 6:15 p.m.

On Saturday, witnesses reported that the victim had jumped from a boat into the lake, swam to repair a friend's personnel watercraft, and then struggled while swimming back to the boat. Friends were not able to rescue him and he drowned.

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office assisted the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office with the recovery. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office will release the identity of the victim.

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