

# Lake County Sheriff's Office

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Man Dies After Drowning in Chain O'Lakes

On August 6, 2021, at approximately 3:40 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Marine Unit Deputies were dispatched to the Fox Lake for a possible drowning. Marine Unit Deputies arrived and the victim, a 43-year-old man of Joliet, had just been pulled from the lake by a passing boater and driven to a marina in the 38700 block of North Broadway Drive, Unincorporated Antioch.

Preliminary investigation shows the victim, his girlfriend, and her daughters rented a boat from a Chain O'Lakes boat rental company. The group was anchored in the area of Columbia Bay, near the Fox Lake, and the three girls were swimming in the water. One of the girls started having trouble swimming, and the victim jumped into the water to help her. While attempting to help the girl, the victim went under the water and did not resurface. He was located submerged approximately 15 minutes later.

The victim was transported to Northwestern McHenry Hospital, where he later died.

While it appears this was a tragic accident, Lake County Sheriff's Detectives are currently investigating.

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