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MEDIA RELEASE

Body Found of Canoer Who Fell into Water in Mineola Bay

On September 10, 2021, at approximately 1:40 a.m., the Lake County Sheriff's Office and Fox Lake Police received numerous 911 calls for a report of a person screaming for help. The callers believed the person in distress was somewhere in the water. Sheriff's deputies and Fox Lake Police Officers responded to the calls.

An individual was located in the 0-100 block of Holly Avenue, Fox Lake, who had swum to shore. The man, a 45-year-old man of Flagler, Florida, informed deputies that he and his friend, a 30-year-old man of Schaumburg, went canoeing around 1:30 a.m. The canoe flipped and both men fell into the water. Neither man was wearing a life vest. The 30-year-old was a poor swimmer, went under the water and did not resurface.

Sheriff's deputies who also serve on the Sheriff's Marine Unit immediately went to the Marine Base and launched two sheriff's boats into the water in an attempt to rescue the missing person. They were joined by Fox Lake Fire Protection District and other fire/rescue boats.

Just before 8:00 a.m., members of the Fox Lake Fire Protection District located the 30-year-old in the water. He was deceased.

The investigation continues by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division and Lake County Coroner's Office.

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