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MEDIA RELEASE

Man Pulled from Icy Water Following Third Lake ATV Incident

On March 2, 2022, at approximately 4:05 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to Druce Lake in Third Lake for a report of an ATV that drove through thin ice. Initially, it was reported that two people were on the ATV at the time it went into the water.

Sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene within two minutes of being dispatched to the call. Just as they arrived, they observed a person in the water that went underwater. One of the sheriff's deputies utilized a row boat from an area resident to go to the area in the water they last saw the man. Shortly after, a fire department diver arrived and the sheriff's deputy on the row boat directed him to where he last saw the man. The diver located the man approximately six feet below the surface of the water and attached a rope to him. Firefighters and sheriff's deputies utilized the rope to pull the man to shore.

The man was identified as a 62-year-old man, who lives just east of the lake. The man was not breathing, so paramedics and sheriff's deputies conducted CPR. Paramedics transported the man to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, in very critical condition.

Preliminary investigation shows the man was operating an ATV on the lake. According to witnesses, he was the only person on the ATV and there was not a passenger. As the man approached the center of the lake, the rear of the ATV broke through the ice and then the entire ATV and the man dropped through the thin ice into the water.

Although foul play is not suspected, sheriff's detectives are on the scene.

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