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MEDIA RELEASE

Man in Critical Condition After Falling into Fox Lake Channel

On April 29, 2022, at approximately 1:35 p.m. Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a channel in the 38500 block of North Lakeside Place, Unincorporated Antioch, for a report of a person in distress in the water. This is a Fox Lake channel. Sheriff's deputies arrived as the victim, a 73-year-old man of Unincorporated Antioch, was being removed from the water.

Preliminary investigation shows the victim and a friend, a 74-year-old man of Winthrop Harbor, were in a small watercraft, fishing. One of the men got their fishing line tangled in the weeds. The victim attempted to retrieve the line, but fell into the cold water. He went completely under water for one to two minutes. The 74-year-old attempted to hold the victim's head above water from the boat. He was assisted by a good Samaritan, a 48-year-old man of Villa Park, who heard the 74-year-old man's calls for help and jumped into the water to help.

The victim was transported via ambulance to Froedtert Pleasant Prairie Hospital in critical condition. Foul play is not suspected at this time.

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