

Dive Team Searching for Missing Person

August 18, 2012

The Hall County Sheriff's Office Underwater Search and Recovery Team is conducting a recovery mission on Lake Lanier for a drowning victim.

On August 18, 2012 just after midnight, Sheriff's Deputies responded to the vicinity of Lake Lanier Islands regarding a report of a drowning. Upon arrival, Deputies learned that a 44 year-old male subject entered the water from a boat to take a swim. At some point the subject became distressed, went under, and did not resurface.

Sheriff's Investigators and dive team members spent the night and early morning hours gathering initial information regarding the incident and began their searches just after noon. Water depths in the area range from 70 – 140 feet.

At this time the case is being investigated as an accidental drowning. The name of the victim is being withheld pending next of kin notifications.

The incident remains under investigation by the Hall County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigations Division.