



Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office

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SISKIYOU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS UPDATE

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“Sheriff’s Office Recovers Possible Body of Missing Teenager from Siskiyou Lake”

On Saturday, September 2, 2017, at about 1:51 a.m., Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies responded to the commercial beach area of Siskiyou Lake in response to a call received that a juvenile male was missing after being last seen swimming at the location two hours earlier. The report was received from a caller wanting to remain anonymous and the reporting party claimed the missing juvenile was last seen swimming near the beach but could not be located after last being seen and the reporting party eventually went home and contacted SCSO afterwards.

A SCSO search of the immediate area failed to locate the missing juvenile. SCSO deputies contacted the father of the missing teenager and other associates during the morning hours but those efforts failed to locate the missing juvenile. The SCSO Dive Team responded to the beach area of Siskiyou Lake near the designated swimming area and conducted a search for the missing teenager. On September 2, 2017, at about 1:47 p.m., the body believed to be that of the missing teenager was located submerged and deceased in about 50 feet of water.

According to Sheriff Jon Lopey, “This death investigation is still underway and we hope to determine more details about the incident and events preceding the teenager’s disappearance within the next few days. There is no evidence of foul play but a cause and manner of death will not be determined until an autopsy is conducted this week. On behalf of the Siskiyou County Sheriff’s Office, I would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to the victim, his family, friends, and associates in the aftermath of this tragedy. Anyone with any information about the victim’s activities prior to the missing person’s report is urged to contact the SCSO’s 24-hour Dispatch Center at (530) 841-2900. The preliminary investigation revealed there may have been other unidentified teenage associates of the victim at the location prior to his disappearance and their account of the related events could be helpful.”