

Body of missing man found in Morris County lake



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ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP — Three days after a 27-year-old man **went missing after his canoe capsized** in White Meadow Lake, authorities say they've recovered his body from the lake.

The body of the man was located at 9:30 a.m. with the help of sonar equipment monitored by the State Police, Morris County Prosecutor Fredric Knapp and Township Police Chief Martin McParland said in a statement.

Officials have not yet released either name. Knapp said "at the request of the family" the identity of the man found on Tuesday would not be released.

On Tuesday morning, FIOS1 identified the man who went missing as Alex Rudolph and his friend as A.J. Lichtenberg, but later removed a portion of its post and identified only Lichtenberg **in a video at its website**. Sources familiar with the recovery efforts told NJ Advance Media Rudolph and Lichtenberg were the boaters involved in this incident.

Rudolph and Lichtenberg had been canoeing at 3 a.m. on Sunday when their boat capsized. Lichtenberg was rescued from the lake on Sunday and was transported to Saint Clare's Hospital in Denville, where he was treated and released.

Morris County Medical Examiner Ronald Suarez pronounced the man found on Tuesday as "dead at the scene," Knapp said. The cause and manner of death are still under investigation.

On Sunday, Knapp said, Rockaway Township Police Officer Jason Tozzi was the first responder to the scene. He used an available canoe and "was able to reach the only visible distressed male (age 26) in the lake, ultimately saving his life," Knapp said.

The prosecutor and police chief offered no further details, other than to say the investigation is over.

In addition to the prosecutor's office Major Crimes Unit and Rockaway Township Police, Knapp said, others assisting in the investigation included State Police in the county sheriff's office, Parsippany Rescue and Recovery, the fire departments of Boonton, Rockaway Township and Jefferson, St. Clare's emergency services, Morris County Office of Emergency Management and divers from "multiple agencies."

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