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Afton State Park Beach swimmer has died

WASHINGTON COUNTY, Minn.

Update: The 27-year-old man recovered earlier this morning from the St. Croix River at Afton State Park passed away. Family notifications are still ongoing so we will not be releasing his name at this time. No further information is expected to be released today.

On July 3rd at 9:41 Am, the Washington County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the Afton State Park Beach near the campgrounds for a possible drowning. Witnessed stated a 27-year-old Minneapolis man had reportedly been swimming 20-30 foot offshore when witnesses lost sight of the man. Washington County Deputies and the Washington County Water Rescue Dive Team responded to the scene. The Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department located the man in about 18 feet of water. He has been transported to Regions Hospital where his condition remains unknown. His name is being withheld pending notification of family, and until investigation has been completed.

Washington County Sheriff's Office wishes to thank Prescott Fire Department, Hastings Fire Department, the WI DNR and the Washington County Water Rescue Dive Team for assisting the in the rescue effort.