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## **LCSO Dive Team Recovers Body of Drowning Victim**

On March 27, 2021, at around 6 P.M., Leon County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a call for service regarding an individual drowning in the Ochlockonee River. Deputies responded to a private property, with river access, located in the 6600 block of North Monroe Street. Witnesses advised deputies an individual jumped into the river and swam out, eventually going underwater. After not seeing the individual above water for approximately ten minutes, witnesses dialed 911. After deputies' immediate efforts to locate the individual were unsuccessful, the LCSO Dive Team was called in to assist.

The Dive Team responded and performed an underwater search operation in the river until the search was suspended due to darkness. LCSO divers returned to the scene the following morning at 7 A.M. and resumed the search. A redirected dive effort resulted in recovering the individual's body at approximately 2 P.M., underneath the water.

The body was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office for autopsy. The LCSO Violent Crimes Unit has assumed this active investigation, however no foul play is suspected at this time.

In accordance with Marsy's Law, the identity of the decedent is being withheld at the family's request.



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