

# NEW LONDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

**Incident type:** Apparent Drowning

**Location:** Wolf River, City of New London

**Date/Time:** 11-08-08 @ 4:30 p.m.

**Details:** At about 4:30 p.m. a woman contacted the New London Police Department with concern about her husband's safety. The man had gone fishing in a canoe in the Wolf River but had not returned at dusk as expected. The woman had gone to the landing area and found her husband's vehicle still parked there. She then looked upriver and saw the canoe afloat with no one in it.

Officers immediately began searching the area and requested the assistance of the New London Fire Department. Other Fire Departments and the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department also responded to assist.

At about 8:30 p.m. the fire department located the man's submerged body near the canoe. The canoe had been found anchored in the section of river near New London Utilities, just down river from the railroad bridge that is known locally as the "black iron bridge." This is in the Outagamie County portion of New London.

The Outagamie County Coroner's office responded and is investigating the death.

The victim is a 47-year-old New London resident whose identity is being withheld pending notification of family members. He lived in the area and frequently fished the Wolf River from his canoe.

New London police officers had seen the man fishing in the area earlier in the afternoon. A personal floatation vest and a floatation seat cushion were found washed ashore near the canoe.

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