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Authorities recover Harley Hake's body from a Kansas river

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OSAWATOMIE, Kan. — A 19-year-old man's body has been recovered according to the Osawatomie Police Department. Harley Hake, who had been presumed dead, was recovered and confirmed deceased at about 6:15 p.m. on Monday. Hake was swept away into the gushing waters near the dam on the Marais Des Cygnes River.

People called in help when they saw him Saturday evening trying to swim from the south side of the river to the north side, upstream from the dam.

The force of the water was too much for him and witnesses said they watched as he was swept over the dam into the boil below. Robert Butters, the Assistant Police Chief with Osawatomie Police Department said some other fishermen tried to help the man as he struggled, reaching out to him with their fishing poles.

"People were fishing in the area and attempted to save him but were not able to, he went under water and nobody has seen him since," said Butters.

The Osawatomie Fire Department's Water Rescue team was assisted by the Overland Park Water Rescue team to recover the body.

The Miami County Sheriff's Department and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks are also aided, although they said Monday's thunderstorms produced the same dangerous conditions that resulted in the tragedy and continually slowed recovery efforts.

Watch below for Brad Underwood's report about the search from earlier on Monday.

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