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Body of Missing Man Found in Patapsco River: Police

The 27-year-old man went missing on the Fourth of July near Bloede Dam, officials said.



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The body of the [man who was reported missing Friday](#) afternoon while swimming at Patapso Valley State Park was recovered Saturday, according to [WBAL](#).

Alvaro L. Rivadineira Ordóñez, 27, of Cheverly, was located by Maryland Department of Natural Resources personnel around 1 p.m. on Saturday, [WBAL](#) reported.

Ordóñez was reported missing at 3 p.m. on the Fourth of July, according to Lt. Paul Massarelli of the Baltimore County Fire Department.

The man's family saw him go underwater near a dam/waterfall in the Avalon area, and he didn't resurface, [Baltimore County public safety officials](#) said.

Most likely, Ordóñez drowned, officials told [The Baltimore Sun](#).

Divers searched for him on Friday afternoon for several hours but the effort was

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When Ordonez's body was recovered Saturday, the current was so strong that four divers had to be secured to the shore with ropes to find him, according to [The Capital](#).

"Even the best swimmers struggle at Bloede Dam," the [Department of Natural Resources Police](#) said Saturday, tweeting a photo of the sign posted there. The sign says: "Danger, Area Closed to Public Use...Drownings Have Occurred" in English and Spanish.

Five people have drowned at Bloede Dam in the last 20 years, [WJZ](#) reported last August, on the heels of a drowning there.

According to [ABC 2 News](#), Ordonez's body has been taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

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