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James river drowning victim identified

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RICHMOND, VA (NBC12) - The Richmond Police Department has identified the man who drowned in the James River on Saturday as Carlos David Gonzalez-Baldizon, 36, of the 4200 block of Lamplighter Court.

Gonzalez-Baldizon was swimming with friends in the river near the 8100 block of Riverside Drive around 5:30 p.m. when he failed to resurface. An hour later, River Rescue recovered his body about a half-mile down the road at the Z-Dam at Williams Island along Riverside Drive.

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He was the first drowning of the season. It happened in the Huguenot Flatwater area. He was using a rope swing landed in the water, re-surfaced for a few seconds and then went under.