

UPDATE: District attorney seeking information about deadly boating accident

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UPDATE: The Dauphin County District Attorney's Office is seeking information about a deadly boating accident on the Susquehanna River.

A woman was killed and her 3-year-old daughter is still missing after the boat they were in capsized near the Dock Street Dam Monday night. The girl's father survived.

Anyone with information about the incident, especially if anyone was boating or on the shore between 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., is asked to contact Dauphin County Detective John O'Connor at JO'Connor@dauphinc.org.

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Hopes are dimming that the missing 3-year-old girl will be found alive. Officials said the search and recovery just south of Harrisburg was suspended shortly after 1 p.m. Tuesday. Volunteers later picked up the search.

"It's not a call that anybody likes to make for the sheer fact that it's not just a person but a child. A lot of these guys have been out here all 12 hours and they need a break, they need sleep, they need to regroup," said Swatara Township Public Information Officer John Kibe. "They want to go out. They want to do what they can. But at some point, there has to be a time to call."

Crews searched the river with sonar, a cadaver dog searched on land and two state police helicopters were used in the air.

Crews said the search around the dam is difficult, because there is a danger that they could be sucked in.

The water in the stretch of river is anywhere from four to 12 feet deep. The water temperature is about 64 degrees.

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Crews brought in a cadaver dog Tuesday morning.

Questions surround accident

A man, identified by relatives as Cody Binkley, called 911 around 10 p.m. Monday to report that the boat he was in flipped near the Dock Street Dam. He was in the boat with the little girl, a woman and a dog.



Officials say they are now looking at this as a recovery mission.

Crews found the woman's body. She has been identified as Mary Bredbenner, Binkley's girlfriend. The missing child is their daughter, Madelyn Binkley.



A relative shared this photo of Mary and Madelyn with WGAL.

Cody Binkley was taken to the hospital to be treated for hypothermia.

The Fish and Boat Commission will be investigating why the group was out on the river at 10 p.m. and what led to the capsizing of the 12-foot, flat-bottomed boat.

Fish and Boat officials said Binkley departed from the Middletown Boat launch and headed upstream toward the Dock Street Dam before the boat flipped.