

## Search for possible drowning victim continues

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The search for the body of a 15-year old girl, who apparently drowned in the Red Lake River Wednesday afternoon, continued into this afternoon.

Members of the Crookston Fire Department Rescue Squad, the Crookston Police Department, and the Polk County Sheriff's Department began dragging the river near the dam behind Riverview Hospital Wednesday evening searching there for Sandra DeLeon, who apparently drowned.

A police spokesman said the incident was reported shortly before 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, and dragging efforts began a few minutes later. Efforts continued until dark.

Crookston Fire Chief George Jacobs said three search boats went back on the river at about 9:00 this morning. They were still searching as this edition went to press.

Details of the incident will not be released until after the search has been completed, Jacobs said.

A press conference was scheduled for 5 p.m. today.



A Sheriff's deputy comes ashore during dragging with equipment supplied by Otter Tail Power Company. Two other boats were being used along

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# Drowned body found

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An onlooker at the old Otter Tail dam discovered the drowned body of 15-year-old Sandra DeLeon at 8:30 this morning. It was very near the dam in the area where the girl had slipped into the Red Lake River late Wednesday afternoon, according to Fire Chief George Jacobs.

DeLeon and a friend of hers, Bobbi Jo Demarais, had been sunbathing on the dam facing the hospital with their feet in the water. According to Jacobs and based on a report from

the surviving girl, Demarais slipped into the water on the back side of the dam Wednesday afternoon and DeLeon went in after her. DeLeon managed to grasp her friend's hand and both went into the current. The current separated them and took Demarais into a cove where the water was still and she was able to crawl to safety. It took DeLeon into the rough water. She was last spotted about 100 feet out in the river.

The Crookston Fire Department received the call at about 5:26 p.m. and responded immediately,

bringing boats to the scene.

The Fire Department, the Polk County Sheriff's office, and the Crookston Police Department began dragging operations when DeLeon failed to surface. They continued until 9 p.m. Wednesday and resumed Thursday morning. At 5 p.m., Jacobs announced that dragging would cease and that the river would be patrolled until the body was found.

Sandra DeLeon was the daughter of Alex DeLeon of 124 Gorgas Ave. Demarais lives with her uncle, Terry Lundon, of 300 Gorgas Ave.



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