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Woman's body recovered in Bogue Chitto River

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The body of a woman was recovered from the Bogue Chitto River Wednesday evening.

According to the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, search teams had been looking for a missing woman following a boating accident that occurred March 28 at the confluence of the Pearl River Canal and Bogue Chitto River in Louisiana, west of Carriere, Mississippi.

STPSO reported the body was located less than a mile from the scene of the boating accident.

According to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, LDWF and St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a capsized boat with five individuals on board Saturday afternoon. The occupants were reported to be Terry J. O'Keefe Jr., 41, Jonie R. Morgan, 31, and her three children, ages 8, 6, and four, all of Folsom, Louisiana.

LDWF agents believe the boat capsized after O'Keefe experienced engine trouble and the boat was pushed over a weir, or lowhead dam. The three children, who were all wearing personal floatation devices, were rescued shortly after the incident. O'Keefe's body was located the following day.

The female body recovered Wednesday was released to St. Tammany Parish Coroner Dr. Charles Preston's office for positive identification.

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