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ST. ANTHONY - The body of a Brigham Young University-Idaho student was recovered about 8 a.m., Wednesday, after hours of searching the waters near the Chester Dam.

He was located from the air by Fremont County Sheriff's deputies about 300 yards downstream from the dam, a news release from the sheriff's office said.

Tannon Martino, 20, of Texas, died Tuesday night after going over the Chester Dam while tubing with two other friends.

Martino was last seen by a fisherman at the dam who called 911, a Fremont County Sheriff's news release said.

The sheriff's office received the call about 8 p.m. Tuesday night.

"The young man had gone over the dam on his tube and for a short time was able to gain a foot hold and stand up at the base of the dam," Sheriff's Deputy Brett Davis said the caller said in the release. "He only managed to hold on for a few seconds before the force of the water knocked him down. After that he was not seen again."

The Fremont County Sheriff's Office, Fremont County Search and Rescue, St. Anthony Ambulance, St. Anthony Police Department with assistance from Madison County Sheriff's Office with their river boat and the Madison County Fire Department with their portable light station to light the area under the dam when it became dark worked the

river for 3 1/2 hours before the search was suspended because of the danger to the men working in the dark with the amount of water coming over the dam, Davis said.

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