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Press Release: Okauchee Lake body identified

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The Town of Oconomowoc, in conjunction with the Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office, was able to identify the body recovered in Okauchee Lake on 10-26-17. The identification was done through DNA testing. A DNA sample was obtained through an immediate family member. The subject was identified as Thomas M. Engel, who at the age 31, had been reported missing during a boating incident on 06-17-96.

Preservation of the remains was due to the conditions of the lake, which includes depth of water, cold temperature and lack of oxygen. This is consistent with other deep water recovery of remains.

The family has been notified and requests privacy at this time.


Chief James Wallis

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