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Deputies Find Missing Boating Victim Fatal Accident Search Now Concluded

On Saturday, October 6, 2018 at approximately 6:54 AM the Portage County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a capsized boat on the Wisconsin River, immediately south of the Lake DuBay Dam in the Town of Dewey.

Recovered deceased from the river was 60 year old James Glodowski from Stevens Point. His fishing partner, 56 year old Timothy Coulthurst, also from Stevens Point, remained missing and presumed drowned.

Recovery teams searched for weeks, including the use of boats, unmanned aerial vehicles, aircraft, and specialized crews with side scanning sonar and underwater cameras, but the second man could not be located. Treacherous water conditions, high flood level river flows, and worsening weather patterns hampered operations and slowed the search efforts.

Today, at approximately 10:00 AM, deputies from the Portage County Sheriff's Office conducted another search of the Wisconsin River using a patrol boat. They found Timothy in the water, and were able to recover him.

The Sheriff's Office hopes that this event can bring a measure of closure for the family.

We would also like to thank our partners in the search efforts. These include the Marathon County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Dewey, Rudolph, and Stevens Point Fire Departments, Wisconsin Emergency Management, Portage County Coroner's Office, Consolidated Water Power Company, Ascension Wisconsin Spirit Medical Transportation, and the several citizens and other organizations who volunteered their time.

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