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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Sheriff's Office Investigating Drowning at Smith Mountain Lake

On July 26, 2015, at 22:22, deputies with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office responded to the community dock located off Lake Retreat Road in the Mariners Landing subdivision at Smith Mountain Lake in reference to a possible drowning incident. Upon arrival, the deputies were told that a 17-year-old male dove off a dock into the lake, but had not resurfaced. After a search of the area by emergency personnel, including Bedford County Fire & Rescue, Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, and the Sheriff's Office, the victim was located deceased in the water nearby. Investigators and the Medical Examiner responded to the scene and are still in the process of investigating the incident. Due to the victim's age and in consideration of family notifications, no further identifying information will be released at this time.