



NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Man Presumed Drowned In Lake Travis - Updated

On June 6, 2006, at 7:19pm Deputies were called to Devils Hollow, on Lake Travis, in reference to a man who went into the water and never resurfaced.

The man, identified as

Justin Lewis Gell, Date of Birth 8-11-1980

from Austin, reportedly was sliding down a slide on a double deck house boat that was anchored in Devils Hollow. It was reported that he hit his head as he slid off the slide and went into the water. Units from the Sheriff's Office, Austin-Travis County EMS, Hudson Bend Fire Department, Jonestown Police Department, LCRA and StarFlight responded to the scene.

On June 7, 2006, at about 8:30am, recovery divers from LCRA assisted the Sheriff's Office by locating and recovering Mr. Gell in about 44 feet of water.

The Travis County Medical Examiners Office has indicated that the preliminary cause of death is "Accidental Fresh Water Drowning" but this is pending the toxicology report which hasn't been completed.

Note: This is the 4th drowning in Lake Travis in 2006. Three were in Travis County and one in Burnet County.

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