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# Divers find drowning victim in Mashpee pond

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The body of a 43-year-old East Falmouth man was found Sunday night after he drowned in Ashumet Pond in Mashpee, authorities said.

State Police said divers discovered the body about 6 p.m. Sunday, nearly 25 hours after witnesses called the Mashpee Fire Department to say the man had gone underwater but did not resurface.

The man's identity was not released.

As dive teams were still searching for the man Sunday morning, Mashpee fire Captain John Phelan said in

a brief phone interview that the man was at the pond Saturday afternoon for a family outing and was not wearing a life jacket.

“His boat had come free from the anchor, and he was swimming to the boat to try to get it back and he went under,” said Phelan.

Teams of divers with sonar and fire officials from surrounding towns searched the pond until 9 p.m. Saturday, when it became too dark to continue, he said.

Water in the pond, 60 to 70 feet deep in some points, can get murky.

The dive teams resumed the search at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Phelan said.

In Lunenburg, a woman apparently drowned in Hickory Hills Lake on Friday, according to the Worcester District Attorney’s Office, which is investigating the death.

Spokesman Timothy J. Connolly identified the victim late this afternoon as Heather Duval, 35, of Lunenburg, but said he had no other information about the case.

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