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UPDATE

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office, Fond du Lac Sheriff's Office Dive Team, Beaver Dam Fire Department Dive Team, Campbellsport Fire Department Dive Team, Fox Lake Fire Department, Waupun Fire Department, Campbellsport Fire Department, Hustisford Fire Department, and the Department of Natural Resources conducted an extensive search of Fox Lake until sunset on Thursday evening. Unfortunately, the male subject has not yet been located and is considered missing at this time. The female subject was treated and released from the hospital Thursday evening.

Search operations continue, however, due to impending weather, and the safety of divers, a full-scale search is not possible today. Full search operations will resume as soon as it is deemed safe by dive teams.

No further information will be available in this incident at this time and we will update the public as more information becomes available.

WATER RESCUE AND SEARCH - FOX LAKE

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from various other agencies, is currently at the scene of a water rescue and search on Fox Lake.

Shortly before 12:30 PM on Thursday, April 21, 2022, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a canoe had capsized and two people were in the water, yelling for help, near the north shore of Fox Lake. First arriving deputies were able to determine at least one person was above the water, but a second victim could not be seen. An adult female, of rural Fox Lake, was recovered from the water and transported to an area hospital for treatment.

An active search remains underway for an adult male occupant of the canoe. The male is believed to be a resident of rural Fox Lake. The Town of Fox Lake boat launch on Blackhawk Trail is currently being used as a command post and staging area and public access to that landing is restricted.

Conditions on the lake are not suitable for canoe or kayak use due to high winds. Neither occupant was wearing a personal floatation device (PFD).

Assisting the Dodge County Sheriff's Office at the scene are the Fox Lake Police Department, WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Conservation Wardens, Fox Lake Fire Department and EMS, Beaver Dam Fire Department and Paramedics, and the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office Dive Team.

No additional information is available at this time.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt.

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