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**LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER:** 17-5223  
**DATE/ TIME OF INCIDENT:** 7/28/2017 9:24 pm  
**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** 8/1/2017 1:15 pm  
**NATURE OF STORY:** Texas Man Found Deceased in Cleawox Lake  
**LOCATION:** Cleawox Lake  
**DECEASED:** Nicholas Lewoczko, 32 y/o, Houston, Texas

**DETAILS:**

On the evening of July 28th at 9:24 pm, the Lane County Sheriff's Office was notified of an overdue kayaker at Cleawox Lake in western Lane County. Nicholas Lewoczko, a 32 year old male from Houston, Texas, had been kayaking on the lake while a family member fished from the bank. When Nicholas did not return as expected his family called 911 and reported him overdue.

Personnel from Oregon State Parks, Oregon State Police, Siuslaw Valley Fire, and Lane County Sheriff's Search and Rescue responded to the area. At approximately 1:25 am on the morning of July 29<sup>th</sup>, Nicholas's kayak was found mostly submerged and floating in the lake. Nicholas was nowhere to be seen. The search efforts continued into the morning and throughout the day with assistance from Josephine County Sheriff's Dive team, but searchers were unable to locate Nicholas.

The search continued on July 30th with the additional assistance of Klamath County Sheriff's Office Divers and Lane County Sheriff's Office Divers. At approximately 12:05 pm on July 30<sup>th</sup>, divers located a deceased man, later identified as Nicholas Lewoczko, in the water. Information gathered at the scene indicates that he was not wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident. Cause and manner of death will be determined by the Lane County Medical Examiner's Office.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone that wearing a life jacket can prevent many water related deaths from occurring. We are saddened by the loss of Mr. Lewoczko and our thoughts are with his friends and family as they grieve.

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