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Police Investigate Body Found in Lower Otay Lake

San Diego – A man was found dead, partially submerged in the water, at the Lower Otay Lake. San Diego Police Department’s Homicide Unit is investigating his death as suspicious.

On February 9, 2025, at approximately 09:41 a.m., the Chula Vista Police Department Communications Center received a call from a fisherman regarding an obviously deceased body located in the Lower Otay Lake. The Chula Vista Police Department responded to the location and determined the deceased subject was partially submerged in the lake and was inaccessible from the shore.

The Lower Otay Lake is within the San Diego Police Department’s jurisdiction, so San Diego Police Department Southern Division officers responded. San Diego Police Officers consulted with San Diego Fire about recovering the body. At approximately 12:15 p.m., the San Diego City Diving Team arrived on scene. City Divers were able to safely recover the body from its location and transport it to land.

The male’s body was extremely decomposed, and at this point, age, race, or any other identifying information remain unclear.

After consulting with the Medical Examiner, the San Diego Police Homicide Unit responded to the scene to investigate. The exact cause of death is pending further examination by the San Diego County Medical Examiner’s Office.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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