



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Media Release

Body of Missing Swimmer Recovered From Hagg Lake

July 31, 2017 – A 68-year-old swimmer drowned yesterday afternoon at Henry Hagg Lake in western Washington County.

On Sunday, July 30, 2017, at 6:42 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to Henry Hagg Lake in western Washington County concerning a missing swimmer.

Deputies learned that 68-year-old Mark Allan Cuddigan, of Hillsboro, had been swimming with a friend at Bobcat Cove when he went under the water. He had not been seen since that time.

Around 2:00 a.m., deputies searching the lake located Mr. Cuddigan's body in the water. His body was recovered by the Gaston Fire District and released to the Washington County Medical Examiner.

Deputies did not find any evidence of foul play and believe Mr. Cuddigan was not wearing a life jacket. Mr. Cuddigan's family has been notified.

Record high temperatures are expected in the coming week. Deputies ask those enjoying the water to always wear life jackets and swim with a buddy.

