



Press Release

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Body Recovered Identified as Missing Person

NEW TODAY: The St. Louis County Medical Examiner's Office positively identified the body recovered on June 3, 2013 is that of the missing person William Russell Martin.

On May 20, 2013 at approximately 10 pm the Grand Rapids Police Department responded to a missing person from the Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital. A search for the missing person who was identified as William Russell Martin was conducted by air, ground, and water for several days without locating Martin.

Assisting the Grand Rapids Police Department in the search were the following agencies: Itasca County Sheriff's Office, Itasca County Search & Rescue, St. Louis County Search & Rescue, Northland Saddle Club, Minnesota Helitac, Minnesota DNR Law Enforcement, Grand Rapids Police Reserves, and the Grand Rapids Civil Air Patrol.

On June 3, 2013 Grand Rapids Police recovered a body which was found in a pond located in the southwest area of Grand Rapids. The body was transported to Fairview University Medical Center in Hibbing, MN where a forensic autopsy was conducted.

Results of the autopsy by the medical examiner confirms the identity of the body recovered was that of William Russell Martin. The cause of death is pending with the completion of the forensic autopsy, no foul play is suspected.

The Grand Rapids Police Department would like to thank all those involved in the search for Martin and for those who cooperated with Law Enforcement during the investigation into Martin's disappearance.