Saturday, September 20, 2014

At 3:46 p.m., Saratoga County Sheriff’s Communications received a 911 call for a possible drowning victim in the area of Stewart’s Bridge Road / Stewart’s Pond in the Town of Hadley. Emergency crews from Hadley, Corinth and South Glens Falls Fire Department’s responded to the area and fire department divers entered the water where the victim was last observed. Sheriff’s Deputies and New York State Troopers also responded to the scene. A New York State helicopter was dispatched to the scene and offered air support in the initial search.

Investigation by the Sheriff’s Office revealed that the male victim had entered Stewart’s Pond in a kayak by himself and at some point, fell into the water and began to struggle. The victim was observed struggling by other persons in the area, but no one was able reach the victim before he went under the water. Investigation revealed that the victim was not wearing a life vest when he entered the water.

The search was discontinued on Saturday evening and will resume on Sunday morning by the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Office Dive and Rescue Team.

09/21/14 UPDATE:

The Sheriff’s Office Dive Team and Corinth Fire Department Dive Team continued rescue efforts this morning and located the body of a male identified as Jonathan Tang of Brooklyn, NY. Tang was pronounced deceased by Coroner Salvatore. An autopsy will be performed at a later date. The investigation thus far has revealed that Tang was staying at a rented home near the lake with several other Columbia University medical school students. Tang went out in a kayak by himself and after a short time began to yell and show signs of distress. Tang was in the water and was not wearing a life vest. Several other students tried to rescue him but when they got to his location they could not locate him. It does not appear that alcohol or drugs were factors.

Victim: Jonathan Tang (Age 24) 1762 64th Street Brooklyn, NY 11204

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