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DMR Marine Patrol Recovers Body of Louisiana Resident in Bay St. Louis Waterway on March 23

BILOXI, Miss. — The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Marine Patrol officers recovered the body of a Louisiana man, who drowned in the water near Madagascar and Tahiti streets in Bay St. Louis on Wednesday, March 23. The Bay St. Louis Police and Fire departments, Hancock County Emergency Management Agency, Hancock County Volunteer Fire Department and American Medical Response aided in the search.

The man, 25, was doing electrical work on a private pier from a skiff in the water when he lost his balance and fell in. He was not wearing a life jacket, officers said. The man's name has not been released pending notification of next of kin.

DMR Marine Patrol received the call from Hancock County Central Dispatch at 10:15 a.m. Marine Patrol Officer Scott Saucier was the first to arrive on the scene, and the DMR Dive Team was called in. DMR Marine Patrol Officer Tommy Jennings recovered the body at about 12:15 p.m. Marine Patrol Officers Mike Yonce, Bryce Gex and Leo DeGeorge aided in the recovery.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov. Visit the NERR online at www.grandbaynerr.org.

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