

Troopers Investigate Suspicious Death- Update

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Newport, DE- Delaware State Police continue to investigate the death of a male subject whose body was found floating in the Christina River Saturday morning.

The investigation began on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at approximately 7:45 a.m., as a Newark man was on his fishing boat in the Christina River in the area of the Newport boat ramp, located on Thoms Way, Newport. It was at this time that the subject observed the body of a male floating in the river. The man then requested that a second individual, who was at the boat ramp, contact 9-1-1 as he secured the body to his boat and brought it to the boat ramp. Officers from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and the Newport Police who had arrived at the scene, then assisted in securing the body at the dock. The male victim was declared dead at the scene by responding emergency personnel. He was then turned over to the Division of Forensic Sciences who positively identified the subject as a 35-year-old Wilmington man. The identity of the male victim is being withheld at this time as the cause of death has yet to be determined.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Detective Amy Lloyd at 302-365-8411. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](https://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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Newport, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a suspicious death after the body of a male subject was found floating in the Christina River in Newport this morning.

The investigation began this morning, Saturday, August 13, 2016, at approximately 7:57 a.m. after a 9-1-1 call was placed advising that the body of a male subject had been located floating in the Christina River near the Newport boat ramp located on Copper Drive, Newport. The body was recovered and removed from the water by responding emergency personnel and declared dead at the scene. It was then turned over to the Division of Forensic Sciences which will attempt to determine the identity of the male victim and the cause of death.

This investigation is in its early stages. Further information will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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