



River combed for body

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Authorities spent their third straight day Sunday searching the Ohio River for a man who dived off the Anderson Ferry as it was crossing the river.

Terry Graf of Cincinnati is presumed drowned after he dived from the ferry about 8:30 a.m. Friday.

The Boone County Water Rescue dragged the river Sunday and used sonar to try to find the man's body. The search was suspended about 7:30 p.m. after nearly 12 hours.

Wind and rough water made it difficult to maneuver the search boats, said Dan Maher, deputy director of Boone County Emergency Management.

The ferry, which hauls cars between Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati daily, was about one-third of the way to the Ohio shore from its Constance dock when the 43-year-old Navy veteran jumped.

Graf had driven his gray Cadillac aboard the ferry, then apparently walked to the front of the ferry and jumped off the low-lying deck. In the Cadillac, Graf left a note, a list of phone numbers and his car keys. Police did not release the contents of the note.

Boone County Water Rescue team members believe Graf passed beneath the moving ferry before floating down river.

Since Friday, search teams have worked nearly around the clock. Two boats were involved in the weekend's search, but those won't be used when the effort resumes, said Dale Appel, chief of the Boone County Water Rescue. Instead, searchers will chart the river's temperature and elevation to try to pinpoint the body's location, Appel said.

Maher said the team will do visual searches every two or three days starting Tuesday or Wednesday.

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