

Search Continues For Fisherman Missing Near Dam

1 Body Recovered After Boat Capsizes On Ohio River

WARSAW, Ky. -- The search for a missing fisherman continues Friday following an accident that sent two men into the swirling waters at the base of a dam on the Ohio River.



Body Pulled From River
Chopper Footage Of Boating Accident



The accident was reported just before 11 a.m. Thursday at Markland Dam near Warsaw, Ky., in Gallatin County.

Police said two men were fishing near the Indiana side of the river when the boat got too close to the dam and capsized.

"They just drifted up in there and it just sucked them under," said Hargis Hansen, who saw the men go under. "Guys started yelling for help and they just disappeared."

Rescue crews using an underwater camera found one victim's body a short time after the accident. The second victim has not been recovered.

The names of the victims were not released at the request of their families.

Crews from the Boone County Water Rescue team spent the night on the river because finding drowning victims is easier during the first hours after an accident, but they found only some clothes and a fishing pole.

People who fish regularly near the dam said big striper and catfish hang out close to the dam, prompting some to ignore warning signs posted on the structure.

"They've got signs over there," fisherman Merle Covey said. "You're not allowed any closer than 150 feet to this dam."

"You got to watch it," Hansen agreed. "You got to respect the water. It's just a shame that this happened."

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