



## *Public Information Release*

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On Friday July 14, 2017 at approximately 9:30pm, officers with the Acworth Police Department responded to Cauble Park, located on Beach Steet in Acworth in reference to a possible drowning. The victim was identified as 61 year old Ricky Wayne Watson of Austell who was last seen swimming in Lake Acworth outside the designated swim area.

Officers made contact with several family members who were on the scene. Witnesses were able to give an approximate location where he was last seen. The Cobb County Fire Department responded along with their Water Rescue Team and deployed a boat equipped with sonar to search the bottom of the lake. The search continued in the water until approximately 11:30 PM.

On Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>, search efforts resumed and at approximately 9:00am the victim was located in the water outside the designated swim area. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Acworth Police Department at 770-974-3111.

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