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News Release

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Sheriff Lavender reports that on 07/31/2012 at 11:50 p.m. his office was called to the area of Ross Lake near East Hydell Road in reference to a possible drowning.

Deputies arrived on the scene and met with Brian Gibson and Clancy Spano. Mr. Gibson said that two other people with them Josh Spencer and a juvenile decided that they were going to swim across the lake. Mr. Gibson said that about 25 to 35 feet from the bank Mr. Spencer started having trouble. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Spano, and the juvenile all said that Mr. Spencer was last seen approximately 25 to 35 feet from the water. They all said that they got into the water and tried to assist Mr. Spencer, but were unable to.

Personnel from the sheriff's office along with Scioto, Springfield, and Union Townships were at the scene and conducted a search of the lake. The body of Mr. Spencer was recovered from the lake on 08/01/2012 at approximately 1:50 a.m.

A representative from the Ross County Coroner's Office was at the scene and pronounced Mr. Spencer deceased. The victim Mr. Spencer was a juvenile 17 years old.

