



NEWS RELEASE

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Two Drowning Victims Recovered from Lake Travis

On Saturday October 18, 2008 at approximately 2:00 p.m., the Travis County Sheriff's Office and the Travis County Park Ranger Unit responded to Grisham Trail (located within Pace Bend Park) on a report of two missing swimmers. Witnesses at the scene reported that the two swimmers were diving from a cliff in the area when one swimmer became distressed while in the water. The swimmer, in an attempt to assist the other swimmer, also went under the water. Rescue efforts by emergency personnel were unsuccessful and recovery efforts then ensued. Recovery efforts were continued on the morning of Sunday, October 19, 2008. At approximately 10:00 a.m. on October 19, 2008 members of the Travis County Sheriff's Office Dive Team recovered the bodies of the two missing swimmers. The bodies of the swimmers were transported to the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office where an autopsy was conducted on Monday, October 20, 2008. The two deceased swimmers have been identified as:

- Nicholas Micale (white male / Date of Birth: August 8, 1986)
- Jamal Hasan (black male / Date of Birth: May 28, 1987)

The Travis County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the cause of death for both individuals as: Accidental Fresh Water Drowning.

Both individuals were students at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

Pace Bend Park is in western Travis County .

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