



NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Body Of Missing Person Recovered From Lake Travis At A County Park

On Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 9:19pm, Travis County Sheriff's Deputies were called to North Gracy Cove, in Pace Bend Park, in reference to a missing person. Family members stated they were camping and the missing person went for a walk and had been gone for about 30 minutes. Austin/Travis County EMS was called to the scene and took command of the search and rescue efforts. The park was searched during the night without success.

On March 20, 2008, at 9:58am, divers with the Sheriff's Underwater Recovery Team went into the water where the person was believed to be at the time of their disappearance. At 10:10am they discovered a body of a woman, just off shore, in 11 to 12 feet of water.

It appears that she fell from a cliff, about 15 to 17 feet, into the water as she was walking in the dark.

The woman was positively identified as,

Denise Morgan, Date of Birth 4-17-1971,

of Austin.

The body was taken to the Medical Examiner's Office for their examination to determine the cause of death.

Note: This is the third fatality in Lake Travis, in Travis County, in 2008.

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