Man Recovered from Pedernales River

On Sunday, May 9, 2010, at 12:15pm, Sheriff’s Office and Travis County Park’s Units, along with Austin/Travis County EMS and Star Flight, were dispatched to Milton Reimers Ranch Park, 23610 Hamilton Pool Road, concerning to a man who possibly drowned in the Pedernales River. Travis County Park’s personnel were first in the river to attempt to locate the man. Travis County Star Flight also responded and lowered a rescue swimmer in the water. They located the man in about 12 feet of water, tangled in a trotline. They cut him from the line and brought him to shore. Despite their efforts the man was pronounced deceased at 1:27pm.

The man was identified as;

Jesus Ricardo Chavez, Date of Birth 11-10-1983
from the Brownsville area. According to family members he was visiting his brother in Austin and was at the park fishing. While attempting to set a trotline across the river Mr. Chavez went under the water and did not resurface.

Sheriff’s Office Detectives worked with the Medical Examiner’s Office to identify Mr. Chavez. Although it will take several weeks for the official report to be released, it appears that the cause of death is accidental fresh water drowning.

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