

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Deputies Identify Victim of Drowning

Town of Cicero, New York –The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that deputies have identified the victim in yesterday's drowning that occurred on Oneida Lake.

Patrick Cafarchio (26) of North Syracuse, died yesterday from an apparent drowning after his kayak overturned around 7:22 pm on Oneida Lake near the Aero Marina off Beach Road in Cicero. Deputies investigating the incident report that Cafarchio was fishing off the kayak and was not wearing a personal floatation device as required by law prior to May 1st. Witnesses reported seeing the victim in the water and in distress prior to losing sight of him.

Multiple resources from around the County coordinated in the search for the Cafarchio, to include members from the Brewerton, South Bay, Clay, Liverpool, Tully Fire Departments, NAVAC Ambulance, Onondaga County Emergency Management as well as the Sheriff's Office Air1 helicopter.

The Cafarchio's body was located a short time later and brought to shore where he was pronounced dead by Paramedics. An autopsy performed by the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death was accidental by drowning.

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