



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE
KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 9/4/16

Complaint Number: 16-143805

Type of Incident: Drowning Accident

Reporting Officer: Deputy Dan Forman

Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Bobbie Jo Ritchie

On 9/4/16 at 1039 hours Kent County Sheriff Deputies responded to a possible drowning at Ruesh's Park (Kent County Park) at 7602 68th St SE in Caledonia Township.

A 45 year old male from Kentwood was fishing with his 14 year old son in the Thornapple River just south of the bridge over 68th St. The son saw his father in distress in the water and then go under. Kent County Sheriff's Deputies along with personnel from Caledonia and Cascade Fire Departments searched the area both on the water and along the shoreline without success.

The Kent County Sheriff Dive Team responded to the scene along with Kent County Sheriff Marine Patrol Units to start a recovery effort.

The recovery effort has been suspended for tonight and will resume in the morning.