



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. Eric Rakow

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.

45 year old Nijaz Mulac of 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.

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UPDATE

On 9/5/16 the combined efforts of the Kent County Dive Team, Marine Patrol, and Caledonia Fire Department recovered the body of Nijaz Mulac from the Thornapple River near 68th St.