

Stanislaus County
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MEDIA RELATIONS



**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE July 28, 2009
TIME 11:30 A.M.**

BODY OF MISSING PERSON FOUND AT FISHING ACCESS

Hughson, CA. - Last night, 7-27-09 at 8:47 p.m., Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Fox Grove Fishing Access, located on the Tuolumne River, north of Hughson, Ca, regarding the report of a missing 41-year old man. The missing person, identified as Brian Peeper out of Modesto, CA, was with family members at the fishing access when he went missing. Deputies learned that Brian was developmentally disabled, having the mental capacity of an 8-year old. The family discovered Brian missing at 6:30 p.m., and searched the area for 2-hours before calling 911. Family told deputies that Brian was last seen wearing a personal floatation device.

Air Med and the Sheriff's helicopter searched the area but were unable to locate the missing person. The Hughson Fire Department assisted with personnel who searched the area on foot as did Sheriff's personnel and K-9 teams from the sheriff's department and the Modesto Police Department. During the search, some of the missing person's personal belongings were found, but searchers were unable to find him before darkness fell upon the area. The search was called off for the night due to darkness impeding the search efforts.

The search resumed the next morning (today, 7-28-09 @ 7:48 a.m.) during the daylight hours. Sheriff's personnel used water craft to search the banks of the Tuolumne River near the fishing access. Unfortunately, Sheriff's personnel found the body of the Brian Peeper at 9:00 a.m. His body, which was concealed by shore line vegetation, was recovered near the boat ramp of the fishing access. A floatation device was still attached to the body. The immediate family was notified of the recovery and an autopsy was being scheduled for this morning.

Anyone having information regarding this case is asked to call Detective Frank Soria at 525-7080.

For information regarding this press release please contact the Stanislaus County Sheriff's News Unit at (209) 652-6597.

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