

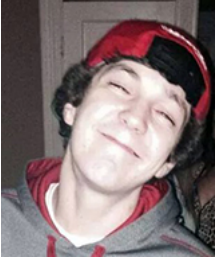
Body Of 20-Year-Old Swimmer Recovered In Missouri River

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HOUSE SPRINGS, Mo. (AP) - he body of a swimmer who went missing in the Big River Tuesday afternoon has been recovered.



His friends noticed he didn't resurface and called for help. The body of the victim, identified as Scott J. Doss, was recovered shortly after 4 p.m. just two feet from where he was last seen.

Doss' family and friends gathered Tuesday night to remember him. So many of his friends say this is their hobby, going to lakes and rivers, hanging out and enjoying the water, never did they dream they would lose a friend like this.

Friend Danelle Hurst came to the park hours after Doss drowned, stunned by the news.

"I walked up to there earlier and I was just like, just picturing what happened today and just scary," said Hurst.

Fire Chief Michael Arnhart says they've been called to this spot before for drownings and rescues because of the current around the dam.

"I believe they just misunderstand and underestimate the dangers that are associated with that dam," said Arnhart.

He says the rapids just below the dam are dangerous even for his trained divers.

"There's a lot of rock and it's deeper than what individuals may appear probably an 18 foot drop off," said Arnhart.

"I brought my son here and just like three feet into the water and he gets swept away, so yeah, it's pretty strong," said Hurst.

Doss was said to be a strong swimmer and had been to that spot in the river before.

The fire chief says no matter how much experience you have, river currents can be deadly.