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"Drowning" Official Cause of Mark Sayers' Death

Wednesday, July 18, 2007 -- "Drowning" has been ruled the official cause of death of a Russell Springs man whose body was recovered from Lake Cumberland late Sunday afternoon after a two week search. Russell County Coroner Larry Skaggs told WJRS News, initial results from an autopsy performed at the state medical examiner's office in Frankfort reveal that 36 year old Mark Sayers "drown" after his boat collided with another around 10:15 p.m. on Saturday night, June 30th in Wolf Creek. The Coroner says there were no signs of "trauma" to Sayers' body which leads investigators to believe Sayers was "thrown from his boat" upon impact with the other vessel. Three persons from Indiana were in the other boat with only one of them sustaining injuries serious enough for him to be transported to the local hospital. Sayers' body was recovered in approximately 60' of water late Sunday afternoon after being detected by a "side scan sonar unit" brought to the "recovery operations scene" by the Boone County Search & Rescue Team in response to a request for assistance from the Russell County Rescue Squad. A memorial service for Mark Sayers is being planned by his family and will be held at a later date with Bernard Funeral Home in charge of the service.



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