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### **Wasilla Man Drowns in Finger Lake**

(WASILLA, Alaska) – Searchers from the Mat-Su Borough Dive Team found the body of a Wasilla man who drowned in the Finger Lake this morning. Jason C. Covey, 29, was found about 20 yards from the shore at 11:36 a.m. Covey and two others were in a small boat near the shore when it capsized at about 1:23 a.m. The other boaters were helped out of the water by bystanders. The three had loaded Covey's 8-foot boat equipped with a 3.5 horsepower outboard motor with enough gear for an overnight camping trip. Investigation revealed that no personal floatation devices were included in the equipment or utilized by the two adult males or the 7-year-old that were in the boat. Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Wildlife Troopers and members of the Mat-Su Borough Dive team responded to the Finger Lake. Divers searched the water and reported having zero visibility in waters during the initial search, which was called off at 4 a.m. Search efforts resumed at approximately 8 a.m. today.