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Police recover body of missing camper from Stratton pond

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By Sarah Hinckley Herald Staff

The body of Edgar Gonzalez, 29, of Boston, Mass., surfaced in Grout Pond 22 days after friends reported him missing during a camping trip.

At 8:15 a.m. Sunday, search teams from the Winhall Police Department, Vermont State Police and New England K-9 spotted Gonzalez's body floating on the edge of the pond. Recreation seekers visiting the pond had been in the same area 12 hours earlier and not had any sightings, said Detective Sgt. Thomas Crowe of the Winhall Police Department.

The 84-acre pond is in Stratton, approximately 2 miles from Stratton Mountain, along a dirt road.

Winhall police received a call around 10:30 p.m. July 7 after Gonzalez became separated from a group of friends during a hike around the pond. A short time after he went missing, cries for help and splashing were heard coming from the center of the pond, according to earlier reports. Officials believe a pair of floating sneakers found by a kayaker the day after Gonzalez was reported missing belonged to the missing hiker.

Police reported that Gonzalez and friends were hiking on the south side of the pond when the incident happened earlier in the month. There was no evidence of foul play, according to prior police reports. In reports Sunday, police said Gonzalez's body surfaced on the west side of the pond.

"We have no positive proof of where he went down at all at this point," Crowe said. "It's all speculation."

Gonzalez was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a volunteer tennis coach at the college. Police notified Gonzalez's family in Tallahassee, Fla., as soon as the recovery was made, according to police reports.

A number of police and rescue agencies were involved in the original search that went on for more than a week, after which it was scaled back to what officials referred to as a recovery operation.

Authorities reopened the pond area for public recreation approximately 10 days after the incident. Winhall police, with the help of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and state police, made daily checks to keep a watch out for Gonzalez's body.

State Police divers, trained New England police dogs and a side scan sonar unit from Colchester Technical Rescue were all used in efforts to find Gonzalez during the past three weeks.

Officials were planning to incorporate cadaver-trained police dogs and video cameras for scanning underwater to narrow the field of search, Crowe said. Those efforts turned out to be unnecessary with the early morning recovery. Police did not

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elaborate on the condition of Gonzalez's body.

"He'd been under water for 22 days," Crowe said. "That pretty much sums it up."

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