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PHOTO: First responders arrive to assist with recovery of Fairfield's body

Body of missing Bismarck man found along Heart River

Mandan, N.D. – The body of a 74-year-old Bismarck man was found this morning along the Heart River west of Mandan by a Morton County Sheriff's Office deputy.

Around 10am today, the deputy was doing a check of the shoreline and discovered the body of Lynn Fairfield about a mile downstream from where his boat had capsized on the river and he went missing on April 9. Mandan Rural Fire assisted with recovery of the body from the river.

The Morton County Sheriff's Office has regularly searched the area as deputies walked the shorelines and used drones to scan from the air. Since April 9, MCSO has also utilized ND Highway Patrol aircraft, underwater equipment and manpower from the Burleigh County Swift Water Rescue Team, volunteer Morton County Dive Team, a NDHP bloodhound, and MCSO K9s to search the area. MCSO is also grateful for the assistance from local residents who supported MCSO in its search.

Fairfield's wife had called 9-1-1 on April 9 to report that her husband had left their home that morning to check some hunting locations and was gone all day. She was unable to make contact with him via his cell phone. The man's boat was found capsized that evening and caught in an ice jam.

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