



Maine Warden Service

Incident #: 25W009842

Reporting Officer: Tony Gray

Report Time: 06/14/2025 08:41:51

Incident

Nature/Verified Offense
Watercraft Accident - Fatal

Address
8 MIRIAM LN; Waterford
Waterford, Maine 04088

Occurred From

Occurred To

Received By
Ryan Stenson

How Received
Telephone

Contact

Disposition
Inactive

Exceptional Clearance

Court Date

Clearance
Incident Pending Approval

Cargo Theft Related

Responding Officer(s)

Tony Gray

Kyle Hladik

Charles Sawyer

Chris Carney

Section / Circumstances

Code

Comment

Section 3

Offenses

Watercraft Accident - Fatal

Completed?

Method Of Entry

Gambling Motivated?

Premises Entered?

Location Type

Cargo Theft Related?

Statute

Description

Category

Persons

[REDACTED]

Victim

Address

[REDACTED]

Race

[REDACTED]

Height

Phone

[REDACTED]

Sex

[REDACTED]

Weight

[REDACTED]

DOB

[REDACTED]

Ethnicity

[REDACTED]

Other Contact

Address

[REDACTED]

Race

[REDACTED]

Height

Phone

[REDACTED]

Sex

[REDACTED]

Weight

[REDACTED]

DOB

[REDACTED]

Ethnicity

[REDACTED]

Other Contact

Address

[REDACTED]

Race

[REDACTED]

Height

Phone

[REDACTED]

Sex

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DOB

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Ethnicity

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Witness

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[REDACTED]

Race

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Sex

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DOB

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Ethnicity

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[REDACTED]

Other Contact

Address

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

DOB

[REDACTED]

Race

[REDACTED]

Sex

[REDACTED]

Ethnicity

Height

[REDACTED]

Weight

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Witness

Address

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

DOB

[REDACTED]

Race

[REDACTED]

Sex

[REDACTED]

Ethnicity
Hispanic

Height

[REDACTED]

Weight

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Witness

Address

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

DOB

[REDACTED]

Race

[REDACTED]

Sex

[REDACTED]

Ethnicity

[REDACTED]

Height

[REDACTED]

Weight

[REDACTED]

Property

Boat-Canoe**Information
Only**

| | | |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| Brand | Model | Serial Number |
| Old Town | Discovery 174 | XTC82515E191 |
| Color | Quantity | Total Value |
| Blue | 1 | \$0.00 |
| Measurement | Amount Recovered | Date Recovered |
| | \$0.00 | |
| Status | Owner | |

Narratives**Supplemental
Narrative****06/14/2025 15:05:44 Ryan Stenson**

CAD Call info/comments

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08:42:43 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 warden call // oxford - water rescue // sub in water unresponsive // unsure
 whats going on -- language barrier //

08:42:47 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 Still gathering further

08:42:52 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 Pappoos pond

08:45:41 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 rescue and fire enroute // speaking Spanish // 10 ft from shore unknown if
 drowning

08:47:02 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 EDITED 2131 adv

08:48:17 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 EDITED let 2131 know // enroute from moose pond in bridgeton -- 25 eta

08:48:26 06/14/25 - Knudsen, AM
 OXSO // caller Reported that its something floating on a paddle or canoe and
 there is someone on the ground at the bottom of the property // confirmed No one
 in the water

08:51:22 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 EDITED 2131/2133 adv.

09:03:49 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 CPR was being done on shore -- rescue is OS -- dep just arrived OS // no
 further updates

09:40:54 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 2133 adv TOD // 920 // oxford taking primary //boating related // Camp is being
 rented by 15 individuals out of NY // No one has any ID // county contacted BP
 and having them sit on the house - BP is responding

12:20:18 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 2133 and 2131 // clear scene in waterford

12:20:41 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ
 2116 adv out with the vehicle in Scarborough //

12:28:19 06/14/25 - Bishop, C

Passport : [REDACTED]

12:29:06 06/14/25 - Bishop, C

Passport: [REDACTED]

12:29:43 06/14/25 - Bishop, C

Passport: [REDACTED]

12:30:59 06/14/25 - Bishop, C

Passport: [REDACTED]

12:34:05 06/14/25 - Bishop, C

PASSPORT: [REDACTED]

12:37:00 06/14/25 - Bishop, C

EDITED Passport : [REDACTED]

12:55:42 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ

2131 req status for 2114 and 2116 //

12:55:48 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ

neg response on radio

12:55:57 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ

2116 via cell adv all set // 2114 adv over coms all set

12:55:59 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ

2131 copies

12:56:07 06/14/25 - Stenson, RJ

2114 adv BP on scene // they will be clearing

Supplemental Narrative

06/15/2025 15:29:47 Charles Sawyer

Miles: 45 Time 1.5 hours regular

On 6/14/25 I arrived at 371 US Route 1 in Scarborough at that request of SGT Hladik. He had called me about 30 minutes prior while I was working an invasive species detail in Windham. He said Scarborough PD had just stopped a van related to a drowning death he was investigating in Oxford County. He asked me to identify the occupants and see if they had any information about the death.

When I arrived, Scarborough PD cleared. Several CCSO deputies remained on scene to provide me security. As there was a large protest going on in the area and did not want my attention divided any further.

Through the use of Google translate I was able to ID all 7 occupants of the vehicle through drivers' licenses and or passports. That information was relayed to our dispatch for them to run their names. No immediate flags were uncovered.

The occupants acknowledged knowing the deceased. Stated they had also stayed in the cabins on the lake. However, they had left for work prior to the drowning. They were made aware via a phone call from someone who had stayed back. Communication was very difficult as they spoke no English.

As I was wrapping up our conversation US Border Patrol arrived. They took all 7 males into custody. They did not elaborate as to why. They moved the van into an adjacent parking lot. I cleared the scene soon after.

Warden Sawyer

Supplemental Narrative

06/16/2025 11:35:03 Kyle Hladik

Report of Game Warden Sgt. Kyle Hladik
Unit # 2131

On 6/14/2025 at approximately At 08:42 hours, Oxford County Sheriff's Office reported that there was an unresponsive person in the water at Papoose Pond in Waterford. A short time later, Augusta Public Safety dispatch advised me that Game Warden Cpl. Tony Gray was enroute to the incident. After arriving on scene, Cpl. Gray called me and advised that it was a boating related fatality, and that Oxford County Sheriff's Office, who had personnel on the scene first, stated they would be the primary agency handling the death investigation.

I arrived on scene at approximately 10:18 hours. I met with Cpl. Gray, who was parked at a house on Papoose Pond. He advised that the individual who had drowned was a short way down the shoreline at another residence, and that an Oxford County Deputy was there. He advised that there was apparently a large group of individuals staying in an Airbnb, and that the people involved in the drowning were from this group. He said several individuals had left the incident scene, and that it was believed they were in this house. I learned that Oxford County Sheriff's Office had called for Border Patrol to respond before Cpl. Gray arrived on scene, and that it was believed that the people in this house, who may have been involved in the incident, were in the United States illegally. Minutes after I arrived, two border patrol agents pulled in behind my truck. I saw them approach the house, knock on the door, then open the door and enter the residence. I heard them identifying themselves as Border Patrol Agents. They came out a few minutes later, saying that there were several illegal aliens in the house, but that they were not involved in the incident.

I then walked down the camp road to try to locate the residence where the party involved in the incident was staying so that we could gather information about what had happened. I knocked on the door of one residence, and after speaking to the occupant, learned that was not the correct one. He pointed me toward a residence at 8 Miriam Lane. I went and knocked on that door, but no one answered. A man then arrived at the house and stated that he was the owner. He identified himself as [REDACTED] and stated that he had rented the house to the group of people who were involved with the drowning. He unlocked the doors and gave permission to a Border Patrol agent and I to enter the residence. I observed that everyone was gone, although some shoes and other belongings appeared to have been left behind, along with a lot of empty beer containers. [REDACTED] told me that, at 08:34 hours, he had received a phone call from the phone of someone named [REDACTED] who had rented the Airbnb from him. He said that the man on the phone said that 2 people had gone out, there was an accident, and he didn't know what to do. He also said that someone was in the water. [REDACTED] said he asked if they were okay, and the man said they were not, and asked him to call for emergency services. [REDACTED] said that they then got off the phone, and he called 911 then began driving to Papoose Pond.

I then spoke with Deputy Dennis Lowe from Oxford County Sheriff's Office. I learned that the deceased individual was [REDACTED]. Deputy Lowe stated that there was a blue canoe that had capsized, that [REDACTED] had been in. Cpl. Gray went to the scene to inspect the canoe. Deputy Lowe told me that someone named [REDACTED] (later identified as [REDACTED]), had been in the canoe with [REDACTED]. I learned that [REDACTED] had been detained by Border Patrol and was in the backseat of one of their trucks. Border Patrol Agent John Crosby opened the back door of the truck so that I could speak with [REDACTED]. I recorded my conversation with [REDACTED]. The following is a summary of our conversation:

-I asked the man if he was [REDACTED] and he said that he was. I asked if he spoke English. He said that he did not.

-Agent Crosby translated for me, and I asked what happened out on the water. I also told Agent Crosby that there were no criminal charges, but I was just trying to find out what happened.

-[REDACTED] said he was in the same canoe as [REDACTED] there were just two of them in the canoe, and that they both had beer.

- [REDACTED] said he did not know what happened, they just flipped, and he ([REDACTED]) went into shock. He did not know if [REDACTED] struggled or tried to swim.

- Agent Crosby asked who was in the other canoe, and [REDACTED] said that they were not there.

- Another detained man, who was sitting beside [REDACTED] then began translating for me. I later learned that his name was [REDACTED]. Agent Crosby asked what happened after the canoe flipped.

[REDACTED] spoke to [REDACTED] then said the other guy helped. Agent Crosby asked who the other guy was, and [REDACTED] said he left and that he was in the white van.

- [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] tried to swim, tried to come out, and someone tried to help him. He said another guy came running to the camp where he ([REDACTED]) was. He said he was nervous and said someone needed help. [REDACTED] said they went down, and [REDACTED] was already out of the water. He said they knocked on a lady's door and asked her to call an ambulance.

- [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was not breathing and he thought he drowned. He said the rest of the people left the scene. [REDACTED] then told me that [REDACTED] was his brother.

- [REDACTED] said that the ambulance took maybe half an hour to arrive. He said, before the ambulance arrived, they tried to help him and do CPR. He said some water mixed with vomit came out of him. He said [REDACTED] hands and leg were still warm, but he was not breathing.

- [REDACTED] said that he and [REDACTED] did not know why the canoe tipped and that [REDACTED] was sitting in the front of the canoe. He said there were life jackets in the canoe, but they were not wearing them.

- [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] tried to swim for 3 or 4 minutes, and that they were in the middle of the pond when they tipped. I learned that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been in a blue canoe.

- [REDACTED] said two other guys helped [REDACTED] to shore. He said he did not know their names; they work together but he only knows their nicknames. He also said there were three canoes on the pond- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in one, and the other two unknown individuals were each in their own canoe.

I ensured that contact information was exchanged between [REDACTED] and Deputy Lowe, so that the funeral home could be connected with the family. I also arranged for Border Patrol to allow [REDACTED] to have his cell phone back so he could call a family member who lived in New York and talk to her about the incident. I then concluded my conversation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

While at the scene, I learned that Oxford County had put out a File-25 for some vehicles that had left the scene and were believed to contain the other unknown witnesses who had been involved in the incident. I also was told that Scarborough Police Department had stopped the van on Route 1. I contacted Game Warden Chuck Sawyer, who was in Windham at the time, and I asked him to go to Scarborough and get statements from the occupants of the van who were involved in the fatal incident but had left the scene before law enforcement arrived. I also spoke with an officer from Scarborough PD, and asked if they would hold the van for us so that we could speak to the men who had fled the scene. The officer said they would not hold the van for us without a teletype requesting that. They advised they would be releasing the van shortly. I contacted Augusta Public Safety dispatch, but they said they could not do a teletype, as Oxford County already did one.

A short time later, Warden Sawyer advised me that he identified all occupants in the van, and all of them denied being involved in [REDACTED] death. He said that they did admit to being with the same group of people at Papoose Pond, but that they had left earlier that morning before the incident occurred.

Border Patrol left the scene of the drowning with several individuals who they had arrested. Cpl. Gray and I departed the scene at approximately 12:20 hours.

Agent Crosby later followed up with me and advised that he was later told that the two individuals who were involved in the incident and left the scene went by the nicknames of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He also said that he was told they may have left the scene in a different van than the one that was stopped in Scarborough. He also told me that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] was supposed to be coming to Maine from New York to claim the body. He also told me that [REDACTED] and most of his group were from the country of Ecuador. I asked him to let me know if they received any more information pertaining to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] or if they were apprehended.

On 6/16/2025, I followed up with Deputy Lowe. He advised me that he had not heard anything yet from the Medical Examiner's office regarding the cause of death.

On 6/18/2025, I spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who had called in to report that he witnessed the drowning on 6/14/2025. He advised that he was on the beach at the campground on Papoose Pond that morning when he heard someone in distress. He said he heard yelling, a labored voice, and possibly someone saying "please help." He also said that he saw a boat that was tipped upside down, and it appeared that someone was on top of the boat and someone else was swimming. He said it was a significant distance from him and was difficult to see. [REDACTED] said he ran down the shore to a canoe, but before he could get on the water, he saw another canoe come out from shore and get the swimmer. He said the swimmer was outside the canoe as it went to shore, and he thought the swimmer was holding onto the side of the canoe. He said that two canoes with one person in each then came out and got individual who was on top of the overturned canoe. He said the overturned canoe looked blue or green. He said he noticed that the people in the two boats going out to the incident did not seem to be paddling fast.

I also learned from Cpl. Gray that he spoke to another witness who saw the individuals in the canoe that morning before the incident. Based on the statements from these witnesses and the information gathered at the scene, it is believed that this was an accidental drowning.

On 7/11/2025, I spoke with Deputy Lowe again. He advised that the Medical Examiner's office still have not communicated a cause of death to him.

No further information was received from Border Patrol regarding the identities of the other two men involved in the incident.

Supplemental Narrative

06/24/2025 14:15:18 Tony Gray

Gray2133--60 miles-- 4 hours

On June 14, 2025, I was working as a Game Warden in full uniform in the Town of Bridgton. At approximately 8:43am I received a call from Maine Public Safety Dispatch Center in Augusta. I was informed of a water related incident in progress at 8 Mirian Lane on Papoose Pond in Waterford. Dispatch stated there was a male in the water, unresponsive, CPR may be in progress but were unsure due to a language barrier making communication difficult.

At 9:03am while driving to the scene, dispatch informed me rescue and an Oxford County Sheriff's Office Deputy were on scene and performing CPR on the victim.

I arrived on scene at approximately 9:15am and went to 8 Miriam Lane (according to my GPS) there was no number on the residence. There were three white commercial vans parked in front of the house. I did not see rescue or any other people on the property. There was a connecting camp road that continued down the shore of the lake named Greenleaf Lane. I located rescue vehicles and an OCSO cruiser parked at 48 Greenleaf Lane. I walked down to the waterfront and met with OCSO Deputy Lowe.

At this time rescue was still conducting CPR on the victim who was later identified as [REDACTED]. Lowe informed me [REDACTED] had been in a canoe with another male, and the canoe had capsized. Other people in canoes attempted to help the two males in the water, and once on shore [REDACTED] was unconscious.

Deputy Lowe informed me the injured male was part of a group containing fifteen males that had rented a camp on Miriam Lane. Deputy Lowe stated he had three members of the group of fifteen on scene with him, including the injured male being given CPR. Deputy Lowe stated no one from the group he had encountered was able to produce identification.

Lowe stated the group of 15 males all worked together, and were from Queens, New York and working/staying in Scarborough, Maine. Lowe stated the group of coworkers had rented a camp on Miriam Lane for the weekend.

Lowe stated he had already contacted Border Patrol and was waiting for a call back. As Lowe was speaking with me, he received a call back from Border Patrol. While Lowe was on the phone with Border Patrol, I took his notebook and copied the three names and dates of birth down in my own notebook.

Once off from the phone Deputy Lowe stated BP was on their way and wanted law enforcement to sit on the house on Miriam Lane to make sure no one left prior to their arrival. At the same time a member of fire/rescue walked over to our location and stated CPR was unsuccessful, and the time of death was 9:20am.

I asked Deputy Lowe which agency was going to be primary on the death investigation, and he stated OCSO was going to be primary. I again asked about contacting the Medical Examiners Office, the boat crash investigation, and the death investigation and again Deputy Lowe stated OCSO would take it.

Deputy Lowe asked me to go sit on the house on Miriam Lane and wait for BP. I asked Deputy Lowe if the house in question was the one with the three white vans in front of it. Deputy Lowe responded in the affirmative.

I moved my truck down to the residence described to me by Deputy Lowe and parked there at 9:30am. There were three white vans parked in the driveway, all displaying Texas Registrations and had lettering on the side: Control Ware Engineering Projects. The Texas Registrations were as follows, Texas KBB-1334, Texas JLL-2029, and Texas WDG-1398. During my time sitting in the driveway watching the residence no one from the house came outside, I did see one male looking out the front window of the camp.

At approximately 10:20am Game Warden Sergeant Kyle Hladik arrived at my location. I updated Sgt. Hladik on the information I had, and the events that occurred prior to his arrival. While we were speaking two BP Trucks showed up and parked behind Sgt. Hladik's truck.

The BP Agents asked if the individuals connected to the drowning incident were inside of the house (pointing at the house with the white vans parked in front). I advised BP this is where I had been asked to sit and wait for their arrival. I advised BP I didn't not know who or how many people were in the house, but I had seen one adult male looking out the window.

The two BP agents approached the house, knocked on the door, opened the door, went inside the residence while announcing Border Patrol. Several minutes later one of the BP Agents came outside and stated there were several illegal aliens in the house but they were not connected to the drowning incident we were investigating.

The BP Agent returned to the residence and came back outside with an adult male in custody placing him the back of his patrol truck. The BP Agent then asked if one of us (Sgt. Hladik or myself) would go into the house and back-up his partner as he needed to try and locate the residence where the individuals from the incident were staying.

I entered the house and stayed in the entry way of the residence and provided officer safety for the BP Agent in the kitchen speaking with three males. The BP Agent took two of the three males into custody prior to leaving the residence.

I then met up with Sgt. Hladik two houses down from my location on Miriam Lane. Sgt. Hladik stated it was the residence the group of people from the incident had been staying in, however it appeared they had left.

I returned to 48 Greenleaf Lane, photographed and documented the pertinent information

pertaining to the canoe involved in the death of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. It was a blue Old Town Discovery 174, serial #XTC82515E191. The canoe contained two paddles, two lifejackets, 1 fishing pole, and 2 empty Corona Extra beer bottles.

I returned to Miriam Lane where BP Agents and OCSO Deputy's were making arrangements for transport to the Rangeley Border Patrol Station. Once arrangements were made, BP and OCSO left the scene, Sgt. Hladik and I cleared at approximately 12:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Game Warden Tony Gray

Supplemental Narrative

06/26/2025 09:09:24 Chris Carney

On 06/14/2025, I assisted Warden Sawyer on Route 1 in Scarborough. Upon my arrival, I provided scene security until Border Patrol arrived. I did not identify any individuals, and no one in the vehicle spoke English.

Nothing further to report at this time.