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Body Found in Grand Canyon Search for Three Missing in Colorado River

Grand Canyon, AZ. – At approximately 12:30 p.m. today, National Park Service (NPS) search and rescue personnel found the body of a young man in the Colorado River near Phantom Ranch. The body has been identified as one of three young men missing since yesterday. His name is being withheld until family notifications have been made.

Searchers found the body approximately one mile down river from Boat Beach in an eddy on river right. Rangers responded to the area and conducted a search by zodiac after receiving a report from a long-term volunteer at Phantom Ranch indicating he had seen something in the water.

Search efforts continue for the other two young men. Those efforts include boat operations from Boat Beach to Hermit Rapid (river mile 95), a search dog and its handler searching from Boat Beach to Silver Bridge on both sides of the river, and ranger patrols on the River Trail above the river.

After being recovered from the eddy, the body was flown to the South Rim helibase where it was picked up by the Coconino County Medical Examiner and transferred to his office in Flagstaff, Arizona.

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