



# **Fayette County Sheriff's Office**

**Barry H. Babb, Sheriff    November 18, 2019**

## **Press Information**

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### **Boating Accident/Drowning 11/17/19**

**Location of Occurrence: Lake Horton, Fayette County GA**

**Victim: Mr. Stephen Noble, age 62, of Valencia CA**

On Sunday November 17, 2019, at 11:18 a.m., Fayette County Sheriff's deputies along with Fayette County Fire Services, Fayette County Marshal's Office and Department of Natural Resources responded to the 1100 block of Antioch Road to a missing person in the lake after a boating accident. Units arrived and discovered one victim, a 67 year old male on the shore after swimming from their capsized boat about 30 yards away. He told investigators, he and Stephen Noble (Deceased) had arrived at Lake Horton around 7:30 a.m., to fish. Around 11:15a.m., Mr. Noble stood up in their boat causing it to flip over. Both men were in the water and attempting to swim to shore. Mr. Noble was swimming in the rear and was unable to reach shore. Deputy Sheriff's and Marshal's along with a civilian fishing boat searched the area and after approximately 40 minutes located Noble's body 40-50 yards from shore in 10 foot of water. The Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Clayton County Police Department Dive team to recover the body. At 2:30 p.m., the Dive Team recovered the body and the Coroner's Office pronounced him deceased at the scene. The Marshals Office made recovery of the fishing boat. His fishing partner a 67 year old Fayetteville resident was transported to Piedmont Fayette Hospital for evaluation.