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Body recovered in James River

(Henrico County, Va.) – This morning at approximately 7:48 am, Richmond Emergency Communications received a call from a citizen referencing a body that had been spotted in the middle of the James River, 200 yards downstream of the Huguenot Bridge. Richmond Fire responded and recovered a body.

This concludes a week-long multi-agency search for two missing persons, Lauren E. Winstead, 23 of Henrico Va., and Sarah E. Erway, 28 of Chesterfield, Va. Lauren Winstead's body was recovered Wednesday, June 1st, 2022. Law Enforcement officials will work closely with the State's Medical Examiner's Office to confirm the identity and the cause of death to bring some closure for the family.

This enormous effort into locating these two individuals has brought search groups in from surrounding jurisdictions as well as out of state agencies, this includes; Henrico Police, Henrico Fire, Richmond City Police, Richmond City Fire, Virginia State Police, Department of Wildlife Resources, Chesterfield County, Hanover County, Goochland County, Powhatan County, Henrico Marine Unit, Metro Richmond Aviation, Metro Richmond Flying Squad, James River Park System, US Coast Guard, Richmond City Emergency Management, and Henrico County Emergency Management.

On behalf of all the above-mentioned agencies, Henrico Police extends their thoughts and support to the families and friends that have lost loved ones from the tragic incident a week ago. We hope they will find closure after today's recovery. Richmond City Police will be handling the remainder of the investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact them at (804)-646-5100.

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