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Drowning at Blackridge Reservoir

HERRIMAN, Utah – Saturday, August 16, 2025, at approximately 5:40 p.m., officers from the Herriman Police Department responded to a 911 call reporting two individuals in distress at Blackridge Reservoir.

Sa Mafutaga, 21, was able to make it to shore but saw that Deng Ador, 22, was still struggling in the water. Mafutaga reentered the reservoir in an attempt to assist Ador but was unable to do so. Bystanders then entered the water to aid Mafutaga, who was treated at the scene before being transported to the hospital by Unified Fire Authority. He is expected to recover.

Ador went underwater approximately 35 yards from the shore. Unified Fire Authority and South Jordan Fire Department water rescue teams initiated search efforts, later joined by the Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) dive team.

After several hours of searching, UHP's submersible robot located Ador at 10:40 p.m. Divers recovered him at 11:00 p.m., and he was pronounced deceased.

Ador's family was present during the search and has been notified.

The Herriman City Police Department investigations unit is requesting any patrons who witnessed the events and have not spoken with detectives to contact the Herriman Police Department at 801-858-0035, referencing case HR25-16361.

Blackridge Reservoir will remain closed to all patrons until further notice by Herriman City. This closure includes the adjacent trailhead and all grass and beach areas.

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