

# Hillsdale County Sheriffs Department

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## **News Release**

**July 29, 2016**

### **Recovery of Drowning Victim Baw Beese Lake**

On July 28, 2016 the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office along with Divers and Marine Units from the following municipalities resumed the search for a 28 year old drowning victim; (The victim was last seen on July 27, 2016 at approx.. 9:00 pm.) Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Angola-Fremont Fire Department, Branch County Sheriff's Office, Somerset Fire Department, Michigan State Police- Dive Unit, Hillsdale City Police Department, K-9 search units from K-9 One Search and Recovery and ISART. After an extensive search of the largest portion of Baw Beese Lake the body of ***Tabitha Lynn Vear age 28 of 31623 Forrest Oak Park Ct Conroe Texas*** was recovered from 65 feet of water. Time was 8:40 p.m. approximately 24 hours after the reported loss. Hillsdale County Medical Examiner Dr. Dasch ordered a post mortem examination to be completed.

The Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office is continuing the investigation.