

Hunter drowns in Missouri River

**(A.P. / KLZA-- Authorities say a man drowned in northwest Missouri while attempting to retrieve a boat that was adrift on the Missouri River Friday.**

**The Missouri Highway Patrol identified the victim as 30-year-old Benjamin Hirner, of Mokane, Missouri.**

**The patrol said he went into the water just north of where the Nishnabotna River flows into the Missouri River in Atchison County around 6:30 A.M., his body was recovered at approximately 11:45 A.M.**

**A Nebraska Air National Guard helicopter flew Hirner to an Omaha hospital, where he was pronounced dead.**

**The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Atchison County Emergency Management, Nebraska Air National Guard along with multiple first response personnel from the area assisted.**

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