

Urgent News Release #10

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RECOVERY EFFORTS CONTINUE ON WISCONSIN RIVER

Richland Center, WI: The recovery operation continued this weekend to locate 5-year-old Angela Girton who fell into the Wisconsin River on April 6, 2015. Her body has not been found at this time. Richland County Emergency Management and Lone Rock Fire were assisted by the following agencies: Cazenovia Fire Department, Wisconsin DNR, Wisconsin State Patrol, Sauk County Dive team, Blue River Fire Department, Iowa County Emergency Management, local ARES/RACES Amateur Radio Group, Richland County Sheriff's Department, Lone Rock EMS and many members of the public.

Saturday's efforts included 5 boat teams, 2 kayak teams, 2 cadaver dog teams, and a search plane that scanned from Angela's point of entry to Wauzeka and back. Bruce's Legacy and the Sauk County Dive Team worked the area with zero visibility, high water and strong currents. Sunday's efforts included 3 boat teams and Bruce's Legacy collecting and analyzing additional sonar images.

Today, members of the search team will coordinate morning and evening times to continue the search. Wisconsin DNR Wardens will also continue to search the river as they are out on normal duty. The recovery efforts have been scaled back due to zero visibility, high water and strong currents. Richland County Emergency Management will be working with the National Weather

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Service and Prairie du Sac dam to monitor the flow and depth of the river. Once it comes down, we will re-deploy divers and reinstate search efforts; including the assistance of cadaver dog teams.

The public is welcome to search the area from the Gotham boat landing to Boscobel. Due to the high water and fast current, we ask that those searching follow all necessary safety precautions. If anyone discovers her body, please mark the location with a flag or ribbon and call the Richland County Sherriff's Department at 608-647-2106. Additional information will be released as soon as it is made available.

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