



SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWS RELEASE

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## Man Still Missing from SUP Board on Lake Tahoe / Update

As of 1:00pm today, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the unidentified missing person has still not been located. During the search of Lake Tahoe where the standup paddle was discovered, investigators have located what is believed to be the paddle associated with the board. This was located in approximately 8 feet of water. In the area where the board was discovered there exists a drop off from relatively shallow water (20+/- feet) to an area of the lake which is several hundred feet deep. Any chance of a successful visual search of deep water will be impossible. Today's windy conditions on Lake Tahoe have diminished visibility, making the search difficult for investigators. A lake wind advisory has been issued for Lake Tahoe, with forecasts of 40mph wind gusts. Nevertheless, a USGS vessel continues to search at this time. Other supporting law enforcement vessels have suspended the search for today.

On the missing person's GoPro camera was a video selfie taken the top of the Heavenly Ski Resort. With the help of Heavenly Valley Ski Resort we discovered that the missing person had a photograph taken by a Heavenly Ski Resort camera while he was in the company of another unidentified man on the gondola. This photograph is included with this news release. Investigators discovered other photographs of this same man from the memory card of the missing person's recovered GoPro camera. These appear likely to have been taken in the Tahoe area. Pictures of this other person are being included with this news release in the hope that local residents or business personnel may recognize either of them.

Included on the GoPro camera are photos and videos which span a period of at least the past six months. Several of these have been taken in other countries, including Italy and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Given the heavy accent of the missing person, we believe he may be a visitor to our area rather than a local. We ask that local hotel and other hospitality based businesses take careful note of these photographs in an effort to help identify the men in these pictures.

