

Body of Milton Youth Is Found

Charles Malone Found in River

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MILTON — The body of Charles Malone, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Malone of Milton, was recovered from Blackwater River about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The body was found about 70 yards up river from where Malone's boat ran ashore near Cooper's Basin about two miles north of here. The boat was found Monday morning.

Malone and his boat had been reported missing about 2:30 p.m. Sunday after he disappeared while racing with another boat driven by O'Neal Watford.

The teen-ager had been preparing his shallow-draft boat for a local race July 4.

The body bobbed to the surface after a large sea skiff began stirring up water with its propellers, according to Louie Prevatt, local wildlife officer, and Harvey Chavers, Milton Fire Chief. The two men brought the body ashore.

Prevatt said the 32-foot skiff

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operated by Ken Powers was taken to the area to churn the water in hopes the body would rise.

Powers had two other large boats in the area, Prevatt said.

Divers had ceased searching early Tuesday because of mud in the river from local rains.

The sheriff's office said about 35 boats and about 85 persons were aiding in the hunt when the body was recovered. Since Sunday, searchers had included the Florida Conservation Department, Milton Fire Department, Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Posse, Navy skindivers from Whiting Field, Escambia Search and Rescue, Okaloosa Search and Rescue and volunteers.

In addition to his parents he is survived by a sister, May Francis Malone of Milton; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Malone, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Elliott of Milton.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Stewart Funeral Home of Milton.