Hunters find man in lake after crash

Officers unsure why Olsen was over a mile from vehicle

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ST. PETER — A 20-year-old man was found at the mel of Middle Lake after a fatal crash involving a snowmobile at the intersection of Nicollet County Road 5 and Highway 131 in Nicollet County around 5:45 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

Sheriff Dave Lange said the search was about to move east, where Olsen actually lived, when two hunters called to report they had found someone in Middle Lake just before 30 minutes later. Hunters on both sides of Middle Lake contacted Olsen, who called for help from about 4 to 6 feet from water in West Bay, said Chief Deputy Kellie Jensen.

Hunters, 25, said the pair heard a man’s cries but at first figured it was a fawn. They soon realized it was a white man. As they saw a rescue helicopter overhead, though, they spotted the man’s calls again and set out looking.

Once they found Olsen about 15 yards into a cove of cattails, which would have made him difficult to spot, Huntz said.

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were told by Olsen’s friends that he had left Nicollet sometime around midnight. Monday. Deputies found his snowmobile in a large pond north of the crash Tuesday afternoon. Olsen’s body was found near the crash area Tuesday afternoon. Olsen’s body was found near the crash area Tuesday afternoon.

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