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On Tuesday, 07/07/09, at approximately 15:00 hours, Deputies from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office responded to Little Sebago Lake in the area of Oak Drive, in the Town of Gray, on a report of an unresponsive male in the water. Upon arrival, Deputy Steven Welsh located a 78 year old male floating face down in approximately 3 to 4 feet of water. Deputy Welsh entered the water and pulled the subject to shore.

Gray firefighters and EMS personnel were unable to resuscitate the subject, subsequently pronouncing him deceased. According to a long time companion, the victim had stated that he was going to row a small aluminum boat to a nearby Island to check on some recent damage to the property. When the victim failed to return, the companion went to check on him and found him in the water.

At this time the cause of death has yet to be determined and the States Medical Examiner has been notified. The incident remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office. The States Medical Examiner's Office has been notified. The name of the victim is not being released at this time pending notification of family.

Any further questions can be directed to Captain Jeff Davis at 774-1444, ext. 2222 or Captain Don Goulet, ext.2110.

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UPDATED

The name of the individual who died yesterday was, **Berrie Hackett DOB:05/06/1931** of 310 Westwood Drive Gray. Dr. Yorkie of the State Medical Examiner's Office advises that Hackett died of natural causes (Cardiac Arrest).