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Gadsden police say body recovered from Big Wills Creek

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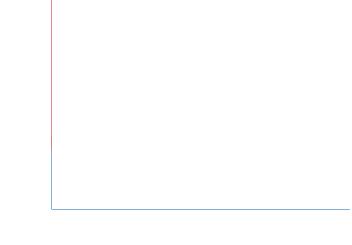Gadsden police say a body was recovered from the water at Big Wills Creek this morning.

Police Chief Lamar Jaggears said officers were first on the scene at 6:37 a.m. on Brooke Avenue where a body was seen in the water near a low head dam. Capt. Paul Cody said fishermen made the discovery.

The body was pulled from the water a little after 9 a.m.

The dam lies at an defunct pump station for the old steel mill in Gadsden. A kayaker perished in the same area last year, and an Etowah County Rescue Squad worker died in the recovery attempt.

Cody said fire and rescue personnel executed a rope recovery.

"We could not use the dive team due to the turbulence from the dam," he said.

Cody said police believe they know the identity of the body but have not yet notified relatives. The body will be taken to Huntsville for an autopsy. A cause of death is not yet known.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Gadsden Police Department's tip line at (256) 543-2444 or the Gadsden Police Department's Detective Division at (256) 549-4630.

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