



News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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Deputies Search River for Missing Fisherman in Shelby Forest

A search is underway in north Shelby County for a fisherman thought to have drowned near Shelby Forest. Relatives say Alberto Servin, 25, of Millington, had been fishing with his brother, cousin and a friend yesterday evening on a sand bar along the Mississippi River.

Just after 6 o'clock last night, Servin decided to swim back to shore. The group had earlier taken a path to get to the sand bar that was surrounded by an inlet of the Mississippi River.

Shelby Forest Park Rangers say Servin got about halfway across the water when he disappeared in water estimated to be about 30 feet deep. Relatives say Servin knew how to swim.

Search crews are using Sheriff's Office boats to look for Servin. Other teams are searching the river bank on foot or using all-terrain vehicles. Additionally, Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Volunteers are using specially trained dogs that can detect the scent of human remains.

A Memphis Police helicopter made several passes over the area late last night but there was no sign of Servin. Other agencies assisting in the search include the Shelby County Fire Department, Millington Fire Department, Shelby Forest Park Rangers and Rural Metro Ambulance Service.

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