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# News Release

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### SEARCH EFFORTS UNDERWAY FOR MISSING OVERBOARD KAYAKER

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office has search efforts underway to locate Melvin Phillip Emde, a forty-one-year-old white male from Talihina, OK.

Melvin Emde was reported missing by a family member after he was observed going overboard while kayaking in the Mississippi River near Matis Road in Hahnville, LA just after midnight on August 7, 2023.

If anyone has any information, they are urged to contact Detective Joshua Deroche with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office at (985) 783-6807, (985) 783-1135, or [jderoche@stcharlessheriff.org](mailto:jderoche@stcharlessheriff.org).