



Eau Claire Fire Department

Christian Bell, Fire Chief
216 S. Dewey Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: August 4, 2023	CONTACT:
DISPATCH TIME:	PHONE #:
INCIDENT NO.: 23-6199	# PAGES:

LOCATION:

INCIDENT TYPE: Fire Water/Ice Hazardous Materials Mass Casualty Other

ALARMS: 1st Alarm 2nd Alarm Special Call MABAS

ENGINE/TRUCK(S) RESPONDING: 4 **RESCUE/MEDICAL VEHICLE(S) RESPONDING:** 1

COMMAND VEHICLE: 2 **PERSONNEL RESPONDING:** 24

INJURIES: Civilian: 0 Firefighter: 0

TRANSPORTED BY AMBULANCE: Yes (#:) No **WHERE TRANSPORTED:** N/A

FATALITIES: Yes (#:) No

EVACUATION: Yes No Comments:

RELOCATION: Yes No Comments:

MUTUAL AID: Given Received NA

BUSINESS NAME:

Occupant:

Name:

Address:

Phone:



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Property Owner:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

STRUCTURE TYPE:

AREA OF ORIGIN:

UNDER INVESTIGATION: Yes No

BY WHOM:

PROBABLE CAUSE:

DAMAGE ESTIMATE: \$

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NARRATIVE:

At approximately 9:00pm, water operations on the Chippewa River concluded with the successful recovery of Justin Vue. The operations consisted of systematic shoreline and water searches utilizing side scan sonar, thermal imaging cameras, drones, and numerous volunteers. Additionally, Bruce's Legacy assisted by conducting searches of targeted areas utilizing their side scan sonar and underwater ROV. Agencies involved in the search operations include UW-Eau Claire Police Department, City of Eau Claire Police Department, Altoona Police Department, Eau Claire Fire Department, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Eau Claire County Communication Center, Eau Claire County Medical Examiner, Bruce's Legacy, and the K-9 Emergency Response Team (KERT).

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