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Unidentified Body Washes Ashore on Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge

On Saturday, November 21 at 12:15 pm, Alligator River and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Law Enforcement Officer Jay Eddy received a call that a body had washed ashore on the beach at the north end of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. A refuge visitor who was collecting seashells on the beach discovered the body. Cape Hatteras National Seashore Ranger Bill Reynolds responded to the scene, verified the report, and contacted Eddy. Eddy commented, "The body was found approximately 200 yards south of the south jetty at Oregon Inlet and appeared to be a deceased white male."

Eddy documented the scene. The deceased was transported to Twiford's Funeral Home in Manteo, NC. Eddy was assisted by Investigative Sergeant Kathryn Bryan and Deputies J. D. Etheridge and Pamela James from the Dare County Sheriff's Office.

Eddy is coordinating with the Medical Examiner's Office to positively identify the deceased. Others assisting in the investigation include the Dare County Sheriff's Office, National Park Service and the United States Coast Guard. An autopsy is scheduled for later this week.

For questions, please contact the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 252-473-1131 ext 230.

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