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NEWS RELEASE

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Multiple Chatham County Agencies Work Together to Rescue Stranded Kayaker

Chatham County, GA (December 21, 2018) – Multiple Chatham County agencies worked together this evening to rescue a missing kayaker.

The Chatham County Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit received a report of a missing kayaker just after 5 p.m. this afternoon. After locating the 50 year-old kayaker's truck at the President Street boat ramp, Marine Patrol began a search of the waterway while Chatham County Mosquito Control's aviation team launched a search by air. The United States Coast Guard was also called in to assist.

Chatham County's Mosquito Control aviation team spotted the kayaker by air a little over an hour after the initial call came in to report the man missing. The kayaker had beached near Fields Cut and was rescued without incident. He was unharmed and did not require medical attention.

The kayaker told rescuers the kayak became unseaworthy around 10 a.m. Friday morning, and he beached himself to wait for help. His cell phone was wet and he could not make a call for assistance.

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