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## GA DNR Law Enforcement Searching for Two Missing Fishermen after Clarks Hill Boat Collision

**SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA** – Georgia DNR Law Enforcement Game Wardens are investigating a boating incident that occurred Saturday, July 13th on Lake Oconee in Greene County. The incident involved a passenger in a vessel being ejected and then struck by the same vessel's propeller. Ian Clough, a resident of Alabama, was pronounced dead shortly after arrival to St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital. The operator of the vessel, Austin Martin of Brookhaven GA was arrested and charged with operating a vessel while under the influence and allowing person to ride bow/gunwale of a vessel.

GA DNR Law Enforcement's Critical Incident Reconstruction Team (CIRT) is investigating the incident and additional charges are possible.

Additional information may be available when the investigation is complete.

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