

## **CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

POLICE DEPARTMENT



<u>Media Release</u> February 1, 2019

The Dover Police Department and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner are currently investigating the death of Nathaniel Boily, 12, of Mill Street, Dover.

Boily was last seen on the afternoon of Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> leaving Dover Middle School at the end of the school day, and family members contacted the Dover Police when he did not return home on Thursday afternoon. A missing persons investigation began immediately and continued throughout the evening and overnight hours.

On the morning of February 1<sup>st</sup>, the investigation led police to the Bellamy River in the area of Back River Road and Central Avenue in Dover. Evidence in the area indicated Nathaniel had fallen through the ice.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Dive Team responded to the scene and located Nathaniel in the water at approximately 1:00 PM. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

While the cause and manner of Nathaniel's death ultimately will be determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, based on the investigation to date it appears to be an accidental drowning. An autopsy will be conducted in the coming days.

The Dover Police Department and the Department of Fish and Game were assisted at the scene by Dover Fire and Rescue.

Chief William Breault and the Dover Police Department would like to thank the Department of Fish and Game and Dover Fire and Rescue for their invaluable assistance at the scene of this tragic event.

This case is being investigated by the Dover Police Department's Special Investigations Unit. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646. Anonymous tips may be called into the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000. The Dover Crimeline can also be contacted via www.dovernhcrimeline.org.



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Media inquiries concerning this case can be directed to Lt. Brant Dolleman of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or b.dolleman@dover.nh.gov.