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SNORKELER DROWNS IN DESTIN

A Wisconsin man snorkeling with two other people near the East jetties in Destin drowned today after being pulled out towards the Gulf by the current in the East Pass.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and other emergency responders received a call of a distressed swimmer around 3:45 p.m. from behind Destin Pointe on Gulfshore Drive.

Three people were snorkeling when the current began to pull them out into the Pass. One person was rescued from the water by a passing pontoon boat. Another got to shore safely. However the 46-year old victim went under and did not resurface.

A Beach Safety lifeguard with scuba gear was able to locate the man under about twenty feet of water.

The victim's identity is being withheld, pending notification of next of kin.

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