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DROWNING

In what should have been a wonderful memory for a father and son turned into a tragedy. On March 22, 2025, Danny Sumner and his 6-year-old son ventured their way to a local boat landing just off of Legacy Lane in Spotsylvania sometime before 5PM. Danny's wife became concerned when the pair had not returned by 9:45PM and contacted the Sheriff's Office. Once deputies arrived on scene, a canvas of the area was conducted. Deputies found Danny's vehicle and his cell-phone was found on the river dock. The Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office Dive Team was contacted and immediately responded. Shortly after the divers entered the river, both victims were found. There is no evidence of foul play.

Initial evidence indicates that the son who had just caught a fish fell off the dock and into the river. Danny entered the water in an attempt to assist his son but tragically drowned himself. The Sheriff's Office sends our thoughts and prayers to the family and community.

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