

Divers postpone search weapon

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The search for a weapon believed to have been disposed of in the pond at Beal Park had to be postponed Sunday after a diver suffered a medical emergency unrelated to the weekend activity.

"They'll have to come back and continue the search at a later date," Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman said Sunday.

The non-profit organization United Response was called to help in the forensic diving search for evidence believed to have been thrown into the the body of water. The evidence is related to a robbery case pending in the courts.

Based out of the Metroplex area, United Response has a total of 120 volunteers and sent 10 individuals, including four certified divers, to conduct the search Saturday.

The group began around 8:30 a.m. and stopped around 8 p.m., when a volunteer had to be taken in for emergency surgery to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he currently is recovering.

The group, who donated their services over the weekend to assist local law enforcement, will re-schedule a future date to finish searching the pond.