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## **Ellicott City man in canoe accident has died**

Police have confirmed that Nicholas Bartko, 20, of Ellicott City, has died as a result of a drowning incident June 12.

Howard County police were called around 5 a.m. after a canoe tipped over in a pond behind Tangle Wood Court in Ellicott City. Police and paramedics arrived and found Bartko on the side of the pond. He was transported by ambulance to Howard County General Hospital in critical condition. Police have confirmed he was pronounced dead June 13.

Investigators believe Bartko was in the canoe with a friend when the boat tipped over. The friend pulled Bartko from the water before emergency responders arrived. Police believe the incident was accidental.

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