

Man Drives Car Into Sparta Lake

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Members of the Sparta Police and Fire Department's were busy last

night....trying to bring up a submerged vehicle from Perch Lake. And police think the driver drove into the lake on purpose.

Around 7 last night, they got the call of a submerged vehicle. On scene, officers in the water were able to break the drivers side window but had a tough time getting the unnamed driver out after water overtook the inside of the car. Once out, the man was taken to Mayo Clinic Health System in Sparta then transferred for a psychiatric observation. Police say the man drove the car into the lake at a boat landing.

One Sparta police officer was treated at the scene for hypothermia while two others were taken to the Sparta hospital, also for treatment of hypothermia.