77-year-old man found dead in Lake Keowee

Near ramp where car was parked

Staff report

A 77-year-old Salem man was found dead in Lake Keowee, authorities said Sunday.

The body of Robert Bruce Gaffis, of 10 Lead Line Way, was found by the Oconee County dive team at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, about 50 feet from a boat ramp where his car and boat trailer were parked, said Coroner Karl E. Addis. The Gaffis home and the boat ramp at Marina Drive are in the Keowee Key development, Addis said.

Gaffis had been doing maintenance on his boat at home and left at about 2 p.m. to take it back to a boat slip at Keowee Key marina, Addis said. His body was found in water estimated at 10 to 12 feet deep.