Truck rolls into Lake Keowee with man inside

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SALEM — A pickup truck rolled into Lake Keowee on Thursday after it was left in drive.

Two adults were traveling down S.C. 11 at about 10 p.m. Thursday when they pulled the truck over near the Oconee and Pickens counties line at Quarter-Mile Bridge, according to Oconee County Fire Chief Charlie King.

King said the driver got out of the truck, but left the gear in drive. The truck rolled into Lake Keowee with the passenger still inside.

"The passenger did a self-rescue and made it back to the bank," King said, adding the man was taken to Oconee Medical Center to be reviewed. At the scene, King said the passenger did not appear to have any injuries.

Oconee County divers were able to find and mark the vehicle's location in the lake. The driver's insurance company was expected to remove the truck from the lake Friday.

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control was notified of possible fluid leaks in the lake, King said.

S.C. Highway Patrol also responded Thursday. A Highway Patrol spokesman said nothing suspicious was suspected in the incident.

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