

ELK HORN

Elk Horn man drowns in pond; authorities investigating

ELK HORN -- A 63-year-old Elk Horn man has died, the victim of an apparent drowning in rural Audubon County.

The Audubon County Sheriff's Office is investigating the drowning, which occurred on Friday, April 17. Reports indicate Maynard Nielsen drowned in a farm pond.

Reports indicate Nielsen's body was found lying face down by a dock in about four feet of water. His vehicle was parked nearby, and the owner of the property found Nielsen's body and called authorities.

Reports said Nielsen suffered from cerebral palsy most of his life, but it's not known if the medical condition contributed to the incident. An autopsy is scheduled to be performed in Ankeny.

Media reports indicate Nielsen had been living at the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn since 2011.