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NEWS RELEASE

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Chatham County Marine Patrol Helps Locate Child Who Drifted Away in Boat

Chatham County, GA (August 4, 2021)—The Chatham County Police Department’s Marine Patrol helped to locate a four-year-old boy who drifted away in a boat during an outing with his family this afternoon.

Marine Patrol was dispatched at approximately 3:50 pm to a small island on the west side of New Cut, not far from Wassaw Island. A family put their child in a boat, wearing a life jacket, while they packed the boat after their outing. The boat drifted off, with the child alone inside.

The boat drifted 200-300 yards and was found on the northwest side of Wassaw. But, the child was not inside the boat.

The Chatham County helicopter was assisting with the search, and the search continued by air and sea. The child was located about 4:40 pm walking through marsh grass on the northwest side of Wassaw, and was unharmed.

The Chatham County helicopter landed near the child, and the crew took him to an awaiting Marine Patrol vessel. Marine Patrol then quickly reunited the child with his family.

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