

Specialized dive teams are joining the search for 16-year-old Nicholas Hicks of Roan Mountain, believed to have drowned Sunday near Elk Falls.

According to Charles McKinney with Avery County Rescue, the new team consists of 6 divers from Asheville. Rescue squads from both Elk Park and Avery County, as well as a dive team from Carter County Tennessee, have been looking fervently for the boy since Sunday, with no results so far. Hicks is believed to have been swinging on a rope with friends when he disappeared in the water. According to Avery County Sheriff Kevin Frye, it is a recovery, not a rescue effort.