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## **Los Angeles Port Police use New Imaging Sonar Technology to Locate Body of Missing Fisherman**

Los Angeles, California, February 17, 2006—Los Angeles Port Police use BlueView Technologies' ([www.blueviewtech.com](http://www.blueviewtech.com)) new multi-beam imaging sonar to assist in locating the body of a lost fisherman near the Cabrillo Beach breakwater.

The body of a fisherman was recovered Thursday after he was swept off the Cabrillo Beach breakwater by a rogue wave. The man and a friend were fishing off the breakwater when they were knocked into the harbor shortly after midnight Thursday morning, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

The survivor was reportedly able to swim to shore, but the other man was nowhere to be seen.

Rescuers from Los Angeles City Fire Department, LAPD, and the Los Angeles Port Police searched for the missing man with boats and helicopters for several hours with no success. In the early morning a Los Angeles Port Police Patrol boat got to the scene equipped with a newly-installed BlueView High Definition Imaging Sonar mounted on their patrol boat. The body of the man was located using the new sonar shortly before 8 a.m., about 30 feet from where he had been washed away by the wave.



The officer on board the boat was able to view real-time streaming imagery that the new sonar produces and speak to the divers over an underwater acoustic communication system. Using this combination of tools the officer was able to quickly direct the divers to the body, said Port of Los Angeles police Sgt. Kevin McCloskey.

“This new type of sonar system is a very versatile tool that we use for Port Security missions and tracking our dive team during critical operations inside the port. We were glad we could use it to help find this man and bring closure for his family,” said McCloskey.

### **About BlueView Technologies**

*This new sonar technology was recently developed at the University of Washington and exclusively licensed to the Seattle-based startup up BlueView Technologies for commercialization. BlueView has used this technology to develop a series of high performance imaging sonar products for Law Enforcement, Port Security, and other commercial applications. These compact, low-cost products can be easily deployed from small patrol vessels and are much more affordable than conventional systems.*

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