

## Police Warn Of Getting Too Close to Flooded River

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it may look harmless out there. Just a slightly swollen Mississippi River, overflowing its banks. But the spring-flooded river is fast, deep and cold. In short, says La Crosse police captain Jason Melby, deadly. Go sightsee, he says, just keep away from the water's edge. Especially in the high current areas in Riverside Park. Especially at night. Even if you do know the park, says Melby, at night you may not be able to recognize where the park ends and the flooded waters begin. Fortunately, Melby says, Operation Riverwatch and Police Reserve volunteers are keeping an even closer watch along the river at Riverside park at night just in case the random wandering drunk happens to stumble a little too close to water's edge.