Details emerge on near drowning of soccer player

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Earthquakes midfielder Matheus Silva was swimming in Zephyr Cove early Tuesday when he cried out for help as the sun began peeking over the Sierra.

Then he went under the icy water. Friends thought the 6-foot-2 Brazilian was joking. But he didn't resurface during a 6am swim to start the summer holiday.

"His heart stopped and he wasn't breathing," Eric Guevin of Tahoe Douglas fire said Wednesday.

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