S o much for a slow Monday after Christmas, Greg Leach, assistant superintendent at Lubbock (Texas) CC, said.

Leach arrived at the course around 7 a.m. when one of his crew members came into the shop and told him there was a car in the pond on No. 15.

“I thought he meant someone stole a golf car and drove that into the pond,” Leach said. “I didn’t realize it was a real car until I saw it. I was about to call 911 when I saw someone was still in there.”

Leach figured the woman in the car was dead. Overnight temperatures had dropped to 25 degrees and there were areas of ice on the corners of the pond.

Then he saw her move.

“I kicked off my boots and jumped in. The water is about four feet deep,” Leach told Golfdom the day after the incident. The car door was already open when he got there, but the woman was still wearing her seatbelt. “She was moving and speaking, but she wasn’t making any sense.”

Leach said he was in the water for less than two minutes, but the 35-degree water was enough to make his lower body entirely numb. The maintenance facility surveillance camera showed headlights going into the pond at 6:30 a.m.

“She sat in there for two, maybe two-and-a-half hours, in chest-deep water,” Leach said.

By the time he had her out of the pond, the first police car was on the scene. The woman is expected to recover, thanks to Leach getting her out of the water when he did.

“It was a little bit exciting for what I thought would be a slow Monday morning,” Leach said.