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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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On June 12th at approximately 1140 A.M. members of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department Recreation Safety Section and Kootenai County Fire and Rescue responded to an unknown-injury Personal Watercraft accident on the Spokane River near the Mill River Condominiums.

Scott D. Williams 53 of Coeur d' Alene and Jason R. Owens 25 of Coeur d' Alene were riding up river when Williams made an aggressive turn creating a large amount of spray. Owens drove through the spray and struck Williams' PWC, ejecting Williams into the river. An unidentified good Samaritan towed both PWC's to the Harbor Island boat launch. Both men were operating SeaDoo watercraft.

Williams refused medical attention on scene. Both PWC's suffered extensive damage. Alcohol was not a factor in the accident. The accident is still under investigation and any violations have yet to be determined.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department would like to remind all PWC and boat operators to practice safe boating. The next Idaho Boating Safety Course will be held 8:30 A.M.- 2:00 P.M. Saturday June 20th at the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation/Fish and Game Office on Kathleen Avenue. Call 446-2250 to reserve a seat for this free course.

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