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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Kootenai County Sheriff's Department Media Release 07/03/2009

On 07/03/09 at approximately 1400 hours, Kootenai County Sheriff's Marine Deputies, the Post Falls Police Department and medical personnel responded to the area of Black Bay on the Spokane River drowning call.

The initial investigation revealed a male child, age 5 from Spirit Lake was at the river with his grandmother when he inadvertently fell from a rock and into the river. Nearby citizens responded to assist the woman and recovered the child from the river and initiated CPR. The child was transported to Kootenai Medical Center for treatment. The child's heart beat was revived and he was breathing with assistance according to medical staff. The child will be transported to Spokane for additional treatment.

At this time the Sheriff's Department is withholding the name of the child and his parents pending further investigation. The specific depth of the water where the child fell in is unknown at this time and the water temperature is approximately 65 degrees. The child was not wearing a life jacket.

The Sheriff's Department would like to remind recreational enthusiasts to be mindful of water safety issues and take precautions on this busy holiday weekend.

Sheriff Rocky Watson
By: Sgt. M. Street
Re: 09-15262
Date: 07-03-09 @ 1530 hrs.
208-446-1300

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The investigation into the near drowning at Black Bay on the Spokane River has been completed by the Sheriff's Department.

The investigation indicates that the boy, Colin Lee Daniel Haynes, 5, of Spirit Lake, Idaho was standing, about knee deep in water, with his grandmother, Debbie J. Westrand, 50, of Post Falls, ID; when the grandmother looked away for a few seconds, turned back and the boy was out of sight. As it turns out, there is a seven to ten foot drop off near where the boy was standing. Other people at the beach responded to the calls for help and found young Colin and brought him to the surface. People at the park performed CPR until medical personnel arrived.

Colin's parents are Miracle and Shane Haynes of Spirit Lake.

Colin was first transported to Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, then transferred to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. At last report, he is still at Sacred Heart.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

By: Capt. Ben Wolfinger