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## KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Kootenai County Sheriff's Department  
Media Release  
July 4, 2009

On 07/04/09 at approximately 1600 hours, Kootenai County Sheriff's Marine Deputies, the and medical personnel responded to the area of Twin Echo Road on Lower Twin Lakes regarding an injury boat accident involving a 19 foot Sea-Ray motorboat and a Sea-Doo Personal Watercraft. The initial investigation revealed Jon D. Carlson 40, from Merced CA was operating his 17 foot Sea -Ray motor boat on Lower Twin Lakes. Carlson was plowing through the water in a northwesterly direction heading towards Upper Twin Lakes. There were a total of seven people on board the Sea-Ray, four adults and three children.

Brynne Malone 48, from Deer Park WA was operating a borrowed Sea-Doo Personal Watercraft and was approaching the Sea-Ray from the South and realized he was on a collision course. Malone took evasive action and turned hard to the left. This maneuver resulted in ejecting him off the PWC. Carlson, the operator of the Sea-Ray, also took evasive action and turned sharply to his right. Due to the close proximity of the vessels and Malone being ejected from his PWC and into the water, he was struck by the propeller of the Sea-Ray. Malone sustained serious prop injuries to his left leg; in fact his left foot was severed above the ankle. Smith was removed from the water by other boaters and taken to a nearby private dock. He was later transported to Kootenai Medical Center for treatment and his appendage was not recovered. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this incident. At this time, no charges have been filed.

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.

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By: Sgt. M. Street  
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