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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE JULY 6, 2009 / 7:30 P.M.

At approximately 6:45 this evening the Sheriff's Department was notified of a possible drowning on Lake Coeur d'Alene approximately 300 yards north of Arrow Point. At this time, Sheriff's Marine Deputies and Kootenai Fire Personnel are searching the area for one victim.

Initial indications are that two people fell out of a boat and one was recovered by the Fire Boat. A life jacket was floating in the water but the missing male was not with the life jacket.

Once further information comes available it will be sent out in an updated release. No names are being released at this time.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff
By: Capt. Ben Wolfinger

MEDIA RELEASE UPDATE JULY 6, 2009 / 8:30 P.M.

Sheriff's Department Marine Deputies and Divers have called off the search tonight for the man who is believed to have drowned in Lake Coeur d'Alene north of Arrow Point this evening.

Indications are that alcohol is involved in this incident.

Divers searched as long as possible in the low visibility lake bottom 125 feet below the surface of the choppy water. The search will continue tomorrow. Positive identification of the missing man has not been made and the name will be released tomorrow after his identification is confirmed and next of kin have been notified.

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MEDIA RELEASE
JULY 7, 2009**

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department continues their investigation into the apparent drowning death that occurred last evening on Coeur d'Alene Lake, north of Arrow Point.

Initial information indicates that Robert J. Meadows, 49 of Post Falls and Michael J. Kidd, 31 of Post Falls had been at the Carlin Bay Resort and were in route to Coeur d'Alene from Carlin Bay in Kidd's 1985 sixteen foot Bayliner Capri boat. About 300 yards north of Arrow Point, Meadows jumped out of the boat. According to initial statements from Kidd, he threw two different life jackets to Meadows and dove in to help him, but Meadows pushed Kidd away, went below the surface and was not seen again. The winds were blowing approximately 20 – 25 mph and the lake was very choppy at the time of the incident.

Divers searched last night but were not able to locate anything. The water depth ranges from 125 to 140 feet. Recovery efforts, utilizing the side scan sonar, will continue later this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

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