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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

August 8, 2009

On August 8, 2009 at approximately 1:38 AM, Kootenai County Sheriff's Department deputies and Dive Team Members responded to the area of E. Hayden Lake Road near Tobler's Marina as a resident in the area heard a vehicle crash into the water near the Marina.

Deputies arrived in the area and started checking the area, as no vehicle was located at the Marina. One of the deputies located a vehicle in the water approximately a quarter mile west of the Marina.

Dive Team members were able to gain access to the vehicle and located an unconscious male in the vehicle.

Deputies and Northern Lakes Fire Personnel attempted to resuscitate the male, however, medical personnel declared him dead at the scene.

At this time, we are not releasing the name of the male until notifications are made to the next of kin.

Kootenai County Sheriff's Department Traffic Team members and Detectives are handling the investigation.

Sheriff Rocky Watson
By Sergeant Michael McFarland

MEDIA RELEASE / UPDATE

The Sheriff's Department has released the name of the man killed in a single vehicle crash earlier this morning on E. Hayden Lake Rd. near Tobler's Marina, near the City of Hayden.

The driver and only occupant of the vehicle was positively identified as Whitney R. Clute, 30 of Hayden. Mr. Clute was pronounced dead at the scene after attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation. Alcohol does **not** appear to be a factor in the crash; however toxicology results are still pending. Upon completion of the investigation by the Sheriff's Department Traffic unit, further information will be available for release.

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