



SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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MEDIA RELEASE

On October 3rd at around 5:10 am the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office received a call from a fisherman about a drowning at the east end of Fernan Lake. It was reported two individuals were on a 10' aluminum boat and were transporting gear from the East Fernan Boat Launch to some state land on the south side of the lake. While travelling across the water, the boat capsized and both occupants ended up in the water.

One of the occupants was able to swim to shore however the other occupant had not made it to shore. The KCSO Dive Rescue Team and Kootenai County Fire and Rescue responded to the area and began searching for the missing boater. Spokane County Air 1 was also called to assist in the search.

At this time the second boater is still missing and an active search is underway.

This is still an active investigation and more information, to include the names of the victims will be released when available.

Sheriff Ben Wolfinger
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