

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 2008-6108

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 08/10/2008 at 6:27PM

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NATURE OF STORY: Water Rescue

LOCATION: Willamette River near Jasper

INVOLVED:

**Parsons, Candice M. / 19 year old female
1963 17th Street, Springfield**

**Whitaker, Susan R. / 37 year old female
37761 Wheeler Road, Dexter**

**Hawk, Sydney R. / 18 year old female
37761 Wheeler Road, Dexter**

DETAILS:

At approximately 5:00PM on August 10, four subjects launched their light duty inflatable kayaks from Elisa Bristow State Park for a short float to Jasper Bridge. Two miles upstream from Jasper they encountered a downed tree causing one kayak to overturn. The other kayak occupants jumped out of theirs and swam to shore. All subjects ended up on an island in the river. Two of the subject's were able to self-rescue. One female, Parsons, was injured and required

medical aid. Lane County Sheriff's Search and Rescue and Marine Patrol responded and transported two of the five subjects to the Jasper Bridge primitive launch site. Parsons was treated by Pleasant Hill Fire then transported by EMS to River Bend where she was treated and released. Three of the four subjects' did not have life jackets. The boating accident is currently under investigation.

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