
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 2011-2103
DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 03/26/2011 at 3:09PM
DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 03/27/2011 at 6:45PM
NATURE OF STORY: Boating Accident Recovery
LOCATION: McKenzie River near Hendricks Wayside, Springfield
DETAILS: Subject: Moran, Warren C. Jr. 07/11/1951
Eugene, OR

On Sunday, 03/27/2011 Lane County Sheriff's Marine Patrol and Search and Rescue personnel, including the Sheriff's volunteer dive team continued the search for Moran who went missing on 03/26/2011 while on a fishing trip on the McKenzie River with two friends.

The three, who were not wearing PFD's at the time of the accident hit a downed tree (snag) in the water and overturned their drift boat. The drift boat was pinned on the bottom under about 5 feet of water in strong current. Two of the men were able to self rescue. Moran was not seen after the initial incident. While the accident is still under investigation, alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the accident.

While PFD's are not required to be worn by adults, the message is clear. Proper floatation devices provide no protection for boaters unless they are being worn. Boating accidents can happen at the most unexpected of times while persons are recreating on our waterways. Moving water, such as high flowing rivers, are especially unforgiving.

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