
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 2010-5182
DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 07/21/2010 at 11:51 hours
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NATURE OF STORY: Water Rescue
LOCATION: Hayden Bridge Rapids, McKenzie River

DETAILS:

FIX, Steven R. 61 years old 5136 E. Street, Springfield
FIX, Jonathan D. 27 years old 5136 E. Street, Springfield
FIX, Marty J. 37 years old 5136 E. Street, Springfield

The three subjects listed above launched their 14' red, Old Town canoe at Bellinger Boat landing around 10:30AM. Their intent was to float to Armitage Park. All three were wearing PFD's during their float. They stated they got into trouble in Hayden Bridge Rapids, a class 3 rapid. Their canoe overturned and ejected all three into the water. Two of the subjects were able to swim to shore and self rescue while the third subject hung onto the now floundering canoe. The canoe and third subject drifted downstream and eventually hung up on a downed tree approximately 100 feet below Hayden Bridge Ramp on the left side of the river.

Lane County Marine and Search and Rescue personnel responded along with Springfield, Eugene, and Mohawk Fire Departments to the water rescue call-out. While two of the three were accounted for, the third subject and their canoe was the focus of the search. Fix was located approximately 100 feet downstream from Hayden Bridge Landing where the canoe had come to rest on a submerged log. He was picked up by boat and transported to the boat landing. None of the boaters were injured.

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