

NEWS RELEASE



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NATURE OF STORY: **OVERDUE PERSONS CALL**

LOCATION: Boundary Rd. MP 6
(above Look Out Reservoir in Lowell)

INVOLVED: Shalysa Bryant-Martinez
DOB 11/01/1989
Eugene

Elijah Sheffler
DOB 12/27/1987
Eugene

Evan Walley
DOB 07/11/1985
Eugene

DETAILS:

The Lane County Sheriff's Office received a call last night involving three (3) overdue people. The group was reported to be driving a four-wheel drive vehicle in the McGowan Creek area and should have already returned home. A search of the McGowan Creek area was conducting by a Sheriff's Forest Patrol Deputy last night.

The Eugene Police Department (EPD) received information that a text message was sent by one (1) of the missing persons earlier in the day. The text message said the group was stuck somewhere in the Dexter area. EPD relayed the information to the Sheriff's Office.

Early this morning the Sheriff's Office continued the search for the overdue subjects in the Dexter/Lowell area. The Sheriff's helicopter was called in to assist with search efforts.

A call was made by one (1) of the missing persons using a passing motorist's cell phone. Their location was relayed to the Sheriff's Office and searchers responded there. They group was stuck in the mud near Signal Point Boat Ramp.

The three (3) were near North Shore Road and Single Point Access Road when searchers located them. They were dressed in jeans and sweatshirts and appeared wet and cold but in no need of medical attention.

All three (3) were interviewed and two (2) of them were issued citations for damage done the prior day at Buford Park using the same involved vehicle.

The Army Corps of Engineers manage the area where the vehicle was stuck. They assisted with the recovery of the vehicle. Additional citations may be issued by the Army Corps pending their investigation.

A substantial amount of Sheriff's Office time and resources were directed towards this call. All calls of this nature are taken seriously. Even though in this case these individuals were not in immediate danger this was not known until after the fact.

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