

# EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## MEDIA RELEASE



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On Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Deputies of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Harstad County Park, Township of Lincoln, to investigate a missing person(s) case.

Upon arrival it was learned that two teenagers left Harstad County Park at approximately 6:30 p.m. to float the Eau Claire River on tubes. Their intended destination was the CTH D bridge, which is just outside the Village of Fall Creek. They expected the float trip origin to destination travel time to be approximately 2-hours. At approximately 8:30 p.m. a parent of the teens proceeded to the destination to pick them up. After the parent was unable to locate the teens at their destination, they became concerned about the teens welfare and notified the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Deputies, along with Fall Creek Fire and Rescue, Township Fire and Rescue and Mayo Helicopter began a search based on the teens original float plan.

On September 6<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:30 a.m. the teens were located by rescue personal, uninjured. An interview of the two teens revealed that they grossly underestimated the time it would take them to float the area of the river that they had planned to float. They advised that shortly after entering the river, darkness arrived, so they sought shelter in a wooded area, out of the river. They advised that they planned to walk back up the river, to the area where the float trip originated, when daylight arrived.

No further details are being released at this time. Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office personal were assisted at the scene by Fall Creek Fire and Rescue, Township Fire Department's Special rescue Division and Mayo Helicopter.