

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 2008-4824

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 06/30/2008 at 11:24AM

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NATURE OF STORY: Water Rescue – McKenzie River

LOCATION: One mile east of Bellinger Landing

**INVOLVED: Barger, Walter M. - DOB: 07/16/1944 from Portland, OR
Brooks, Richard L. - DOB: 08/20/1941 from Springfield, OR
Brooks, Brady R. - DOB: 05/03/1970 from Sacramento, CA**

DETAILS: The three subjects launched their 15' drift boat at Hendricks Wayside at approximately 10:30AM this date to fish the McKenzie River. When they were one mile east of Bellinger Landing they stated that the strong current pushed the boat into a single log in the channel. The boat then overturned. All three on board were able to swim to a gravel bar. Search and rescue, marine deputies and McKenzie Fire and Rescue assisted in rescuing and transporting the three to Bellinger Landing. One of the subjects was treated for minor injuries and released. While they had PFD's (life jackets) on board their boat, none were wearing them at the time of the accident.

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