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## KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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**Kootenai County Sheriff's Department**  
**Press Release**  
**June 18<sup>th</sup> 2009**

On June 18<sup>th</sup> at approx. 10:30 a.m Deputies from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Departments Recreation Safety Section along with Hauser Lake Fire Department responded to Hauser Lake for a report of a boat that had overturned and 3 subjects that were still in the water. It was originally reported that the three subjects were not wearing personal flotation devices.

When rescue personnel arrived on scene, they learned the three subjects were not in a boat but were on a log. It appears the three subjects, who were later identified as a Zachary Castro a 19 year old male from Hauser Idaho and two 16 year old male juveniles from Post Falls and Hauser Idaho, attempted to swim across Hauser Lake from the public boat launch. At the time of the call, it was reported that the subjects did not make it out of the water and were last seen near the log that was still in the water near the north shoreline of Hauser Lake.

Rescue personnel searched the lake and shoreline and later learned the subjects did make it out of the water and returned back to the boat launch, but did not initially contact rescue personnel that were still on scene.

At approx. 1200 the three subjects contacted rescue personnel who were still on scene and confirmed they were the ones that were seen in the water. All subjects were fine and did not require any medical attention. Alcohol was not a factor in this incident.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department would like to remind everyone that the water temperature for Hauser Lake and other surrounding lakes is still extremely cold and people should use caution when swimming long distances or away from shore.

Any questions about water conditions or boating related questions for the State of Idaho or Kootenai County please contact the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department Recreation Safety Section at (208)446-2250.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

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