

KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASE
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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department reports that they have located a drowning victim in the Spokane River near Corbin Park.

Sheriff's Department received a call at approximately 5:50 a.m. from a man who told them that he and a friend had put a canoe into the water at the East end of Corbin Park in an attempt to float to the old Pleasant View Bridge area. Shortly after pushing out from shore, the canoe flipped, tossing both men from the canoe. The reporting party told Sheriff's deputies that he was able to hang on to the canoe for a short period of time and get back to shore. He last saw his friend floating in the river just below the first set of rapids.

The reporting party walked to his vehicle at Pleasant View to get to his phone and then called for help.

At approximately 6:45 a.m., Medstar spotted the victim in about four feet of water, about one mile below Corbin Park. Sheriff's Dive Rescue divers recovered the body. Medical personnel on scene pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

Neither party in the canoe was wearing personal flotation devices.

The names of the involved parties will be released once notification has been made to next of kin.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff