



# KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF

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On April 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Deputies from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department along with members from the Mica/Kidd Island Fire Department and Kootenai County Fire and Rescue responded to a report of an injury boat accident on Lake Coeur d' Alene across from Arrow Point. Emergency units located the vessel on the bank near Three Mile Point which is in the main channel of the lake as you travel south towards Harrison.

The boat, a 23 foot Centurion, was located completely out of the water and had travelled approximately 30 feet up the steep embankment before sliding back down to the water's edge. The operator of the vessel, who was identified as Kevin A. Jewell, a 35 year old male from Coeur d' Alene, sustained a possible broken leg and other minor injuries and was transported from the scene by ambulance and taken to Kootenai Medical Center for further treatment. The female passenger who was identified as Trinel S. Reiswig, a 31 year old female from Rathdrum, was not injured.

Based on the occupant's statements and initial investigation at the scene it appears that Kevin Jewell was not paying attention and stuck the shoreline and a tree. The investigation is still ongoing, but it also appears that alcohol may have been a factor in the accident.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department would like to remind all boaters that with the high water there will be an increase of debris on the water. Boaters should use caution when operating on the waterways of Kootenai County. Additionally, Lake Coeur d' Alene is expected to reach flood stage sometime around the Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April and is forecasted to remain above flood level until around the Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. During this time, Lake Coeur d' Alene, The Spokane River and Fernan Lake will be restricted to a No Wake Zone. The Sheriff's Department is asking boaters to adhere to the restrictions on these bodies of water to help reduce erosion and damage to the shoreline and citizen's property.

Case # 12-09144  
Rocky Watson, Sheriff

By: Sgt. Ryan Higgins