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Incident #:15C06436

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports that on 06-16-15 around 2200 hours Rivercom received a call of a person yelling for help in the Chelan River just below the Pavilion. Deputies and Chelan Fire and Rescue responded to the area and contacted witnesses. Two males attempted to swim across the river. A 27 year old male began struggling and yelling for help when he was approximately half way across the river. The struggling male turned around and tried swimming back to shore, but did not return.

Chelan Fire and Rescue launched their rescue boat and rescue swimmers and searched the water for over 90 minutes. A shoreline search was also conducted using high power lights. The victim was not located.

On 06-17-15 Chelan County Sheriff's Office and Chelan Fire and Rescue began a search using Sheriff's Office personal watercraft and Fire and Rescue's rescue boat. The victim was located within minutes of arriving in the area of where he was last seen. The water depth was 25-30 feet and he was located on the bottom of the river.

The victims name is currently being withheld until next of kin can be notified.

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