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For Immediate Release

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Incident #:16c04672 **Injured Climber**

Snow Creek Wall - Leavenworth

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports that on Sunday May 8th at 10:25am RIVERCOM dispatch was advised of an injured climber on the Snow Creek Wall above the Icicle River drainage southwest of Leavenworth, WA. The climber had reportedly fallen and suffered a fractured right ankle while ascending the second pitch of the "Orbit" route. Two other climbers in the party were attempting to lower the injured subject to the base of the wall.

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office High Angle Rope Rescue Team (HARRT) and Chelan County Mountain Rescue (CCMR) members responded to the incident along with Chelan County Search & Rescue. When responders arrived at the scene, the injured subject had been successfully lowered to the base of the Snow Creek Wall by his climbing partners. The HARRT team and CCMR members worked together to rig a rope and litter system to move the subject the remainder of the way down to the Snow Lakes Trail. SAR volunteers used a wheeled litter to transport the subject down to the trailhead by 6:51pm. This search & rescue mission took over 8 hours to complete due to the terrain and distance from the trailhead.

The injured subject, Andrei Maksimenka (41yoa) from Sammamish, WA was transported by Cascade Ambulance to Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee for treatment.

Questions concerning this media release may be directed to Sergeant Kent Sisson with the Chelan County Sheriff's Office (509)667-6863.

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