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For Immediate Release

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Incident #:14c08771 **Horseback Rider Injured**

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports a 53 year old Cashmere man was injured on Monday afternoon when he was bucked off his horse on a trail in the Mission Creek drainage area. RIVERCOM dispatch received a call from an ORV motorcyclist at 12:45pm advising that he and a friend had encountered the horseback rider on the USFS 2331 Road approximately 9 miles south of Cashmere, WA. The horse "spooked" as the motorcyclists stopped in roadway and then passed by. The horse charged at one of the motorcycles as they passed each other on the road/trail. This caused the horseback rider, Ronald Rumsey to fall to the ground striking his head. Rumsey lost consciousness for several minutes after the fall. The two motorcyclists tended to him and called for help. It appears the horse stepped on Rumsey's right hand after he fell which caused a serious laceration injury to the back of the hand.

Chelan County Search & Rescue coordinators and volunteers responded with Ballard Ambulance and Cashmere Medics to the scene using two ORV motorcycles and a WATV side-by-side vehicle. Rumsey was stabilized and transported out to an ambulance using the WATV unit. He was taken to Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee.

Rumsey's horse ran away from the scene after the incident. Searchers looked for the horse for approximately one and half hours Tuesday afternoon, but were unable to locate the animal. The horse was eventually located by Rumsey's wife and friends later that evening.

The USFS 2331 road/trail is open to both ORV motorcycles and horseback riders.

Questions regarding this media release may be directed to Chief of Special Operations Jason Mathews or E.M. Specialist Rich Magnussen (509-630-7571).

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