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For Immediate Release

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Incident #: **14c06343 – Drowning**

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Wenatchee River near Dryden, WA

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports a 29 year old Cashmere resident drowned in the Wenatchee River after entering the water to save her dog east of Dryden, WA on Monday afternoon. Sabra J. Crafton was eventually located downstream unresponsive, and life saving measures were unsuccessful.

The RIVERCOM emergency communications center received a 911 call at 12:49pm from a male subject advising his friend, Crafton, had gone into the Wenatchee River at the public fishing hole east of Dryden, (also known as the "Mountain Theater Hole") to attempt to rescue her dog who was struggling in the water. The subjects had been throwing a stick for the dog to fetch out of the water from the shoreline. As Crafton began to struggle in the water, the male subject attempted to reach her and nearly brought her back to shore. Crafton broke free from the subject to make another attempt to rescue her dog. Witnesses said they lost sight of Crafton as she was eventually swept into the main channel of the river and floated downstream.

A kayaker in the area eventually located Crafton submerged in the river west of the Goodwin Street Bridge at Cashmere. That subject flagged over a group of rafters who were able to pull her out of the water and into their raft. The rafters initiated CPR and transported her to a beach area at a private residence just west of town. Ballard Ambulance medics and Fire District 6 personnel attempted to resuscitate Crafton for nearly 30 minutes, but she did not survive.

Crafton was not wearing any type of personal floatation device at the time of the incident. The dog rescued itself from the river and is fine.

Inquiries concerning this media release can be directed to Sergeant Kent Sisson or EM Specialist Rich Magnussen at the phone numbers listed above.

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