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For Immediate Release

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Incident #: **14c09710 Climber Injured**

Mount Stuart

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports a 46 year old female climber was injured while descending the south face of Mt Stuart on Sunday afternoon. Joanne Fulford of Bothell, WA lost her footing, slid through a snow field and collided with several large rocks at the 8,700 foot level of the mountain near the top of the Cascadian Couloir. Fulford suffered a fractured arm and a hip injury in the fall. Other climbers in Fulford's party immediately responded to assist her.

RIVERCOM dispatch received the initial 911 call at 12:43pm Sunday from a climber who had watched Fulford fall. He advised that she had come to rest in rock scree below the snow field. Chelan County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue coordinators made a request for a hoist capable helicopter through State Emergency Management while also requesting a team from the Chelan County Mountain Rescue group respond.

A rescue helicopter from Navy Base Whidbey Island responded to the scene by 5:30pm and successfully hoisted Fulford from the mountain by 6:00pm. She was transported to Providence Hospital in Everett, WA where she was listed in stable condition.

Inquiries concerning this release may be directed to Sergeant Kent Sisson at the Chelan County Sheriff's Office.

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