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For Immediate Release

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Incident #: 15c06962 **Injured Climber Rescued**

Seven Fingered Jack Mountain

Phone: 509-667-6863

Date: 06/07/2015

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The Chelan County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Snohomish County Air Support Unit rescued an injured climber from the 8,100 foot level of Seven Fingered Jack Mountain in northwest Chelan County on Saturday afternoon. David Kieninger (39 years of age) from Wenatchee, WA was injured when he fell approximately 500 feet during a climb.

The initial 911 cell phone call was received from another climber in the party at 11:05am by RIVERCOM dispatch. The subject advised Kieninger had suffered a head injury, hip injury, possible broken arm, and other injuries in the fall. The climbing party was on the southwest aspect of the mountain about 1,000 below the summit when the accident occurred.

Search and Rescue Coordinators immediately requested a hoist capable helicopter from the State Emergency Management Division to assist with the rescue due to Kieninger's location and condition. Chelan County Mountain Rescue personnel were put on standby to assist if a helicopter was not available.

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office air support unit "SnowHawk10" crew responded and was able to successfully hoist Kieninger from the mountain by 2:20pm. He was flown directly to Pangborn Airport in East Wenatchee and transported by ambulance to Central Washington Hospital. He is in serious but stable condition.

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