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RE: Missing Boater Located / Autopsy Pending

On July 1, 2009 at approximately 8:45 p.m., the Mono County Sheriff's Department received a report of a partially submerged boat on Bridgeport Reservoir. Personnel from the Mono County Sheriff's Department, Bridgeport Fire Department and Mono County Paramedics responded to the reservoir and commenced searching for the boat. During the search personnel were contacted by an adult female reporting her husband overdue from a fishing outing.

The boat was located anchored approximately 60 yards from the shore, with its anchor deployed. A Sheriff's Deputy swam to the boat and found the boat to be unoccupied. The boat was moved to shore and a search for the occupant began. The search lasted until approximately midnight when it was suspended; to resume at first light in the morning.

On July 2, 2009 at approximately 6:00 a.m., personnel from Mono County Sheriff's Department, Mono County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team and mutual aid resources from Toiyabe National Forest Bridgeport Ranger District responded to Bridgeport Reservoir and resumed the search efforts. The search lasted all day but the missing boater was still not located. A mutual aid dive team was requested through the California State Office of Emergency Services, and a dive team responded from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department late that evening.

On July 3, 2009 at 6:00 a.m. divers from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Dive Team resumed the search for the missing boater. The missing boater was located at 9:28 a.m. in approximately 8 feet of water and 60 yards from the shore line.

The name of the missing boater will not be released at this time. An investigation is on going and an autopsy is pending to determine the cause of death. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

The law requires that arrest information be made available to the public. This publication may contain suspect information about individuals booked by the Mono County Sheriff's Department recently. Names of juveniles (under 18-years-old) are not public. Suspect information and ongoing investigation details are also withheld. Since most cases have yet to be adjudicated, all charges should be considered allegations. For questions/concerns regarding any information contained in this publication, contact Undersheriff Ralph Obenberger at (760) 932-7549.