



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: September 1st, 2014 INCIDENT TIME: 12:03 A.M.
INCIDENT LOCATION: Boundary Waters Canoe Area

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A.1 Thru 4: Procedures B.1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

Name: Stewart, Janene Lee Age: 40 Address: Iowa

Name: _____ Age: _____ Address: _____

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office received a report of an emergency locator beacon being activated in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, just inside the U.S. waters on the U.S./Canadian border. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Rescue Squad was able to respond to the GPS coordinates given by the beacon. There, they located an elderly couple who stated that they had been contacted by an adjoining camping group seeking assistance. It was learned by the Rescue Squad that a 40 yr old female, who was with a group of approx. 18 others from a community college in Iowa, had wandered away from her groups campsite later in the evening on Aug. 31st, and had not yet returned.

Rescue Squad members were in the process of gathering more resources together to assist in the search, when at approximately 11:30 A.M. on Sept. 1st, the missing female was located on the island that the group had been camping on by members of her own camping party - uninjured. After walking from away from the campsite, the female said it got too dark, and she decided to stay put and wait until daylight to attempt to find her way back to the campsite safely.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

United States Forest Service, Minnesota State Patrol Flight Division,

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Wayne Toewe DATE: 09-01-14 TIME: 6:00 P.M.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

AUTHORITY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____