



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 5-8-15 INCIDENT TIME: 9:49 AM
INCIDENT LOCATION: Echo Lake Campground, Echo Lake

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: Leonard Kochevar	Age: 32	Address: Gilbert, MN
Name: Female Victim	Age: 32	Address: Mountain Iron, MN
Name:	Age:	Address:
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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office was notified of an assault that had occurred at the Echo Lake Campground the morning of 5-8-15. Deputies responded, along with MN DNR and U.S. Forest Service, to the campground on report of a female who been injured after being struck by a hatchet or axe. The female party was transported to the Cook Hospital with a minor, non-life threatening injury. The male suspect fled the scene prior to Law Enforcement arrival and is still being sought by the Sheriff's Office. The incident remains under investigation.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

U.S. Forest Service
MN DNR

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Jesse Evjen DATE: 5-8-15 TIME: 5:23 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

The suspect in this case, Leonard Kochevar, was located by the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office on 5-10-15 and arrested for 2nd Degree Assault and 5th Degree Domestic Assault in reference to this incident. Further incident details are: There had been an argument between Kochevar and the victim prior to the assault. Kochevar is being held at the St. Louis County Jail in Virginia, MN.

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Jesse Evjen DATE: 5-11-15 TIME: 11:02 AM