

Flathead County Sheriff's Office
Investigative Report

Case No: 201310565 Consolidated (Original and All Follow-ups)
Report Date: 04/29/2013 @15:32

Offense(s): OTHER - Other
SWIFTWATER RESCUE

Occurred on or Between: and 4/29/2013 @18:00

Location Occurrence: OLD RIVER BRIDGE ROAD, WEST GLACIER, MONTANA 59936
AT THE OLD BRIDGE

Case Status: Information only Prosecute? N
Total Value of ALL Properties: \$0.00

Persons Involved: Victim - ZINKE, RYAN KEITH

== Person -- Type: V - Victim=====

Name: ZINKE, RYAN KEITH

AKA(s): Not reported

Residential Address: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Mailing Address: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Business / Employment:

Name: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Occupation: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Address: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

DOB: XXXXXXXX Age: 51 Birth Place:

SSN: XXXXXXXX NCIC No: FCID No:

Sex: Male Race: White Ethnicity: Not Hispanic

Personal descriptor information not reported

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Reporting Officer: CHRIS ROBERTS Officer Number: 7-47

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On 4/29/2013 at approximately 1532 hours the Flathead County Swiftwater Rescue Team was conducting training on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River in the area of the Old River Bridge in West Glacier. We were in the area of the Notch approximately one mile up river of the Old Bridge when we observed numerous coolers and other debris floating down river. We then observed a male who appeared to be extremely hypothermic floating down from the Notch wearing a life jacket with street type clothing on.

We were able to pull the male from the river and gathered information from him as to if there were other people with him. He stated a group of four were floating the Middle Fork and flipped the raft near the repeater.

I then contacted dispatch to advise of the situation and requested an ambulance and helicopter respond to the area to assist in the search for three unaccounted victims.

At this time a male, later identified as Ryan Zinke, floated into the area and stated the other two were on shore when he left them. He stated they put in at the river access at Cascadilla and planned on taking out at the Golf Course. He stated one was on the park side and the other was able to swim to to the highway side of the river. We were then able to put the hypothermic male onto the boat and float him to the Old Bridge to meet medical. Three Rivers EMS responded and transported the male to the Alert Helicopter for transport to KRMC.

At this time we had a team of two rescuers walking up river on the highway side in attempt to locate the female victim who was inside the park. They were able to locate her near the area of the repeater. They then swam across the river and started a medical evaluation.

A team from Glacier Park arrived and hiked the trail, up river, to assist the team out with her. They were able to walk the female out of the area on the trail back to the bridge.

The other victim was assisted by BNSF and was left with medical personnel at the Old Bridge. All three signed a medical refusal forms from Three Rivers EMS.

Disposition:
Information Only.