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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

May 6, 2010

Search and Rescue Team Concludes Search After Second Day on River

GARFIELD COUNTY, Colo. – For the second day in a row, the Garfield County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (a.k.a. Garfield County Search and Rescue, Inc.) team searched the Colorado River roughly between the No Name and New Castle areas for a person or persons based upon yesterday's 911 call. The team terminated operations at 3:00 p.m. today after approximately three hours on the river using a Maravia cataraft and motorized Zodiac raft. They had no other information or evidence to continue with the search.

After yesterday's cessation of search and rescue activities, Sheriff's deputies spent the night visiting neighboring rest areas for unattended vehicles and associated campsites for any missing parties. At this time, no missing person report has been filed.

Over the past 24 hours, Sheriff's deputies and/or search team members have scoured the river and shorelines for any indications of a person, capsized vessel or abandoned fishing gear without encountering any possible lead.

Authorities are asking citizens who notice anything suspicious along that stretch of the Colorado River to contact the Garfield County Sheriff's Office at 970-945-0453.

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(Yesterday's news release)

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

May 5th, 2010

Today's River Mission

GARFIELD COUNTY, Colo. – At approximately 3:53 p.m., Wednesday afternoon, May 5, 2010, the Garfield County Emergency Communication Center received a call of a person spotted in the Colorado Rive just east of the No Name Rest Area.

A citizen reported to emergency authorities that she saw what she believed to be a person floating in the river. Garfield County Sheriff's deputies and the Glenwood Springs Fire Department immediately responded and requested the support of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue.

For the safety of all involved, rescuers postponed the search at dark with plans to resume tomorrow after sunrise. The Garfield County Sheriff's Office will continue to work through the night gathering any information that will help with the continued search.

Sheriff's deputies are asking citizens who have any information about any abandoned/unmanned vessels or anything else suspicious along that stretch of the Colorado River to contact the Garfield County Sheriff's Office at 970-945-0453.

Resources involved: Garfield County Sheriff's Office, Glenwood Springs Fire Department, Glenwood Springs Police Department, Union Pacific Railroad and Garfield County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue volunteers.

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