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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 07/21/18

Contact Information: Troy D. Dunn, Sheriff
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Date/Time of Incident: 07/21/18, 11:50am

Incident Description: Water Rescue on the Cannon River.

Location of Incident: Cannon City Township

Victim/Suspect Information (Name, age, city of residence):

AUBREONA HANSON, 24, RED WING

RILEY FLYNN, 28, OWATONNA

SEAN SPLITTGERBER, 28, OWATONNA

CHRISTOPHER SALINAS, 29, OWATONNA

Description of Incident:

On 07/21/18 at approximately 11:50am, Faribault Officers and Rice County Deputies responded to assist one adult female and three adult males who were stranded on the Cannon River in the area of 175th Street East in Cannon City Township. All four adults were stranded on the Cannon River after river currents pulled the females kayak into a downed tree and the males attempted rescue. Rice County Deputies located the trapped boaters using a Rescue UTV. Rice County Water Patrol Deputies and Dive Team members responded by boat, located and rescued all four parties and brought them to shore. Aubreona Hanson was transported by Deputies to an ambulance and subsequently flown by helicopter to a hospital. At last report the victim was in serious but stable condition.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Rice County Dive Team, Faribault Police Department, Faribault Fire and Rescue, MN State Patrol, MN Department of Natural Resources, and North Ambulance.



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Sheriff Dunn stated, "We are fortunate that this incident did not result in a fatality. Because these individuals had their personal flotation devices and were equipped with a cell phone and a whistle, we were able to locate them. Miss Hanson is alive today due to the brave actions of fellow boaters and great teamwork and specialized equipment used by the emergency personnel from the responding agencies. The training by resulted in a life being saved."

Prepared by: Sergeant Trevor Peterson #1110, Rice County Sheriff's Office