Yakima County Sheriff’s Office Press Release
For Immediate Release

Date: 03-29-20

Incident Number: 20C05112

Incident/Offense: Water Rescue

Location: East Valley / Yakima County

Incident Date and Time: 03/29/20 at approximately 1020 hours

**Narrative**

On 3/29/20, dog owners woke up to find their dog Bowie, who is described as a one and a half year old, German Shepard, husky, lab cross was missing. Bowie was found swimming in the Rosa Canal in East Selah north of the East Selah Ridge. Bowie was unable to extricate herself from the canal and was swept into the tunnel leading through the mountain. Deputies had been notified at this point and responded to the south side of the East Selah Ridge where the canal exits the mountain. The distance through the mountain is approximately 1.4 miles. Approximately 35 minutes after she was last seen a very tired and hypothermic Bowie came into view. Deputies were waiting in life vests with rope and a safety plan.

Bowie was able to swim with the current to the side of the canal where she was lassoed with a rope and pulled from the canal. Bowie was so weak and cold at this point that she could not stand, and she had torn several of her front claws off attempting to get out of the canal. Bowie was reunited with her owners and is expected to make a full recovery.

This incident shows how dangerous canals and waterways can be. Thankfully no one entered the canal in an effort to rescue Bowie. As canals are being filled with water and the weather gets warmer please use caution around waterways. Make sure and talk with children and those you are responsible for and make sure they understand the importance of avoiding canals. Rivers and ponds will also be very cold and can quickly result in hypothermia for several more months. Let’s make 2020 the year Yakima county DOES NOT have drowning incidents.
Please contact the Yakima County Sheriff’s Office (509-574-2500) or Crimes Stoppers at (800) 248-9980/www.crimestoppersyakco.org if you have any information related to this investigation.

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