Yakima County Sheriff's Office Press Release
For Immediate Release

Date: 11/25/25
Incident Number: 25C17451
Incident/Offense: Water Rescue
Location: I82 near Mile Marker 44 - Donald Area, WA
Incident Date and Time: 11/25/25 at 1130

Listed day and time, the Yakima Sheriff's Office and Yakima County Fire District 5 were dispatched to a water rescue incident. Caller advised 911 of a subject in the pond trying to get on top of an overturned canoe. It was later learned the subject had been fishing in the pond with the canoe. The canoe overturned when the subject attempted to move around in the canoe. The subject in the canoe was ID'd as a 25 year old male from the Parker area. He had been fishing in the pond with some friends, but none of them had a phone. A passerby on I82 saw the subject in the water and called it in.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Office quickly arrived and located the subject in the water, clinging to the overturned canoe. Yakima County Fire Dist 5 personal arrived around the same time and assisted in forming a rescue. Some of the responding deputies were trained in water rescue and had their equipment in their patrol vehicles. Water assets were summoned from Yakima as well. The subject in the water was in a great deal of discomfort from the chilly water and was screaming for help. It was decided to tie several rescue ropes together and have the water rescue deputies wade out to the man. They pulled the ropes out with them.

Once they had contact with the man in the water, the water rescue deputies secured the man and deputies on the shore pulled the group to shore. Deputies and Fire officers carried the man out to a waiting ambulance for medical treatment. It was a successful rescue with great teamwork to help someone in need.

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