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PRESS RELEASE

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Possible Drowning

On May 22, at 17:43, our dispatch center received a call reporting a fisherman on the Walla Walla River had gone in the water, from the bank, and disappeared. WWSO deputies, Walla Walla County District 5 Fire personnel, Pasco Fire, and Columbia Basin Dive Rescue responded to search. Our initial search was unable to locate the person reported as missing. Columbia Basin Dive Rescue has been out again all morning assisting us with searching and at this time we have not located the missing person.

Our hearts go out to those close to the person reported missing as they still do not have answers. We have services available to anyone dealing with stressful or traumatic situations, all you need to do is call us and we can help.

Currently, the Walla Walla, Snake and Columbia Rivers are in the low 50-degree temperatures. It is not recommended to swim in cold waters as it takes no time at all to become hypothermic and unable to self-rescue.

This investigation is ongoing, and more information will be released as we are able to obtain it. Thanks go out to our partners for their quick response and their diligence to assist us. If you have any information related to this incident, please contact Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 509-527-3265 and reference case number 2022-3867.

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