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Media Release

Incident Date: 08/19/2010
Incident Time: 21:39 hours
Incident Location: 14 Whidden Road, Harpswell
Release Date: 08/20/2010
Release Time: 06:00 hours

Incident: Drowning in Harpswell

On Thursday, 08/19/2010, at approx. 21:39 hours; Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 14 Whidden Road, in the Town of Harpswell, on a report that a subject had fallen overboard.

As responding deputies arrived on scene, they were told that the victim had apparently slipped on a wharf and had fallen into the water. According to witnesses at the scene the victim failed to surface after the initial fall from the wharf. The victim may have become trapped under a float as that's where his body was located after approx. one half hour of being in the water.

According to several friends who were with the victim, they had just returned from an evening out in the Portland area. The subjects were returning from Portland on a private boat and were in the process of unloading luggage from the boat when the victim fell into the water. One of the witnesses jumped into the water attempting to locate the victim, who never surfaced after the initial fall.

After being located, EMS Personnel from the Harpswell Fire Department administered CPR to the victim. He was transported to Mid-Coast Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The victim has been identified as:

Walter H. Lage

DOB: 10/08/1943

A resident of Cape Girardeau, Missouri

At this time it is unknown if Mr. Lage has a residence in the Harpswell area or if he was visiting.

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