

## **Bonneville County Sheriff's Office**

News Release

September 2, 2010

On September 1 2010 at 1823 Bonneville County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a Boat in distress on the South fork of the Snake River near Swan Valley.

Bonneville County Sheriff's Office Dive Team and Bonneville County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue along with Backcountry Deputies responded to the location. Air Idaho Rescue assisted in searching from the air.

The call came in stating that three people were in the water. The drift boat hit some overhanging branches and the boat overturned.

Robert Merrill a 49 year old fishing guide from Victor has not been located. He was last seen wearing an orange hooded Sweatshirt, a pair of Hodgeman Chest Waders, and a green fishing hat with several fishing flies on the hat.

Robert George and Barbara Roberts of Florida made it to the shore. They were treated by Swan Valley Ambulance and released.