

**OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NARRATIVE REPORT**

INCIDENT #	DATE	LOCATION OF OFFENSE	
2016-24049	06/24/16		
OFFENSE	OFFICER	BADGE #	
Injury Accident (Boat)	R. Gemmell	297	

On 06/24/16 at approximately 8:40 pm I, Deputy R. Gemmell, responded to N. River Rd. This was in response to a report of a boating accident on the Rock River involving two boats. As I was en-route it was reported by the communications center that one person was still in the water and could not be located. As I approached the location it was reported that all persons involved had been located and they were out of the water. Upon my arrival to the location I observed Oregon Medical personnel already on scene and one of the boats involved in the incident.

I began with speaking with the 3 persons that were on the pontoon boat. Before any statements were taken all three stated that they did not require any medical attention and that they were not injured. The first person I spoke with was Dailey.

Dailey is also the owner and operator of the pontoon boat that was involved in the accident. Dailey stated that he had just left the Rock River Marina dock approximately 10 minutes before the accident. He stated that he was coasting down river toward the Indian Statue. Dailey stated that the engine of his boat was just over an idle. He stated that Bushre and Lukes were sitting in front of him and Wells was behind him on the couch area just in front of the engine.

Dailey stated that everyone on the boat saw the flat bottom fishing boat coming straight toward him. He stated that Bushre and Lukes were even yelling at them and waiving their arms to try and get the other boats attention. Dailey stated that he decided that the fishing boat apparently did not see them so he turned the pontoon right to try and get away from the other boat. Dailey said that suddenly the other boats engine sounded like its speed was greatly increased and it turned directly into him. He said that the next thing he remembers was the pontoon being struck by the fishing boat and his canopy coming down on top of him. Dailey stated that when it was over everyone started to look around and realized that Megan was no longer on the boat. He stated that everyone started to yell and look for her. Dailey stated that when they finally found her they pulled her back onto the boat and brought her to the Marina where medical personnel took her into the ambulance. Dailey stated that the fishing boat had 2 males in it and the last he saw them they were still on the river downstream from the dock.

The entire time I was speaking with Dailey I could not smell any alcohol on his person or breathe. I asked Dailey if he had been drinking and he stated that he and Megan drove down to the Marina about ½ hour before the accident and he had one beer before they left the dock. Dailey stated that he did not consume any alcohol other than that 1 before they left. He did state that the others may have had an open beer on the boat but he did not.

I then spoke with Lukes about the incident.

Lukes stated that he was sitting in the front of the boat on the left side as you look at the pontoon from the rear. He stated that they were just coasting

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down the river toward the Indian when they realized there was a small fishing boat coming straight at them. Lukes stated that he and Bushre started to yell and scream along with waving their arms around trying to get the small boats attention. Lukes stated that he felt Dailey turn the pontoon toward the right when suddenly the small fishing boat increased speed and turned directly into them. He stated that the fishing boat hit the side of the pontoon right at the location he was sitting. Lukes stated that he fell toward the center of the pontoon and is not sure what happen after that. He stated that when it was over Dailey started to yell that Megan had fallen overboard. Lukes stated that it seemed like a very long time that they were yelling and looking for Megan in the water. Lukes stated that when they finally found Megan they pulled her back onto the boat and Bushre started CPR on her while Dailey drove the pontoon back to the dock where medical personnel took over the medical attention of Megan. Lukes stated that after the crash the man in the front of the fishing boat was lying on the bottom of the boat and appeared to also be injured. He stated that he thought the fishing boat was following them to the dock but when they got there the fishing boat was no where to be seen.

I then spoke with                      Bushre.

Bushre stated that she was also sitting in the front of the boat and she was on the right side as you look at the pontoon from the rear. Bushre stated that she remembers someone saying that the small fishing boat was coming straight at them. She stated that she and Lukes were yelling at the small boat but it just kept coming. Bushre stated that the small boat suddenly increased its speed and turned directly into them. She stated that the small fishing boat hit the pontoon so hard that it came over the pontoon boat. Bushre stated that after the crash it was realized that Megan was gone. She stated that they began to yell for Megan and search the water for her. Bushre stated that when they found her in the water she was pulled back onto the pontoon and she began CPR on Megan as Dailey drive the boat toward the dock. Bushre stated that when they got to the dock Dailey just ran it into the sand and medical personnel took over the care of Megan. Bushre stated that she also saw two males in the small fishing boat and it appeared the one sitting in the front at the time of the crash was injured as he was lying in the bottom of the boat after the impact.

Written statements were taken from all three persons I spoke to. All three statements were turned over to the Illinois State Conservation Officer that was conducting the investigation.