

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NARRATIVE REPORT

INCIDENT #	DATE	LOCATION OF OFFENSE
16-24049	06/24/16	
OFFENSE	OFFICER	BADGE #
6561	J. Ketter	33

On 06/24/16 at approximately 2040 hrs. I responded to N. River Road for the report of a boat accident on the Rock River, with injuries. Further information was relayed that 2 boats were involved and a passenger was missing; presumably in the river still. River rescue units from the Oregon and Byron Fire Departments also responded to the scene. The Air-One coalition helicopter was also placed on stand-by status. I had Dispatch contact the State Police and have a DNR Conservation Police Officer respond to the scene as well.

Upon arrival, I went to N. River Road Deputy Thiel had obtained information that at least one of the boats was in this location. I met with Daily who advised that he was driving a pontoon boat in the river, which was struck by a flat bottom fishing boat. Daily told me that all the passengers in his pontoon boat had been accounted for and no one else was in the river. Daily's pontoon boat was also at the location and beached on the shore, just north of the boat launch for the Rock River Marina campground. Daily advised that the passengers in his pontoon boat were Bushre, Lukes and Wells. Wells was initially thrown from the pontoon boat after the collision and Wells was located in the river. Daily, Bushre and Lukes all advised that they were not injured and Wells was currently being tended to by Paramedics in the Oregon Ambulance.

Daily was extremely distraught and advised that he saw that fishing boat approaching his location and took evasive actions and maneuvers to avoid the collision. Daily specifically advised that he waved his arms, whistled and shined a flashlight prior to impact. Deputy Gemmell later obtained written statements from Daily, Bushre and Lukes. Wells was transported to Swedish American Hospital by the Oregon Ambulance with serious injuries.

Conservation Police Officer (CPO) Beltran responded to Deputy Thiel's location and met with the occupants of the fishing boat; Lamb and Marc Mongan. Lamb was transported to Rockford Memorial Hospital by the Stillman Valley Ambulance and pursuant to CPO Beltran's investigation; Mongan was arrested by CPO Beltran for Operating Under the Influence (OUI). CPO Beltran requested that both boats involved be taken back to the Ogle County Sheriff's Office.

Daily's pontoon boat was loaded onto a borrowed trailer from the marina and Chief Deputy White towed the pontoon back to the Sheriff's Office. John T responded to Deputy Thiel's location and towed the fishing boat on its own trailer back to the Sheriff's Office. While I was still on scene, the Winnebago County Coroner's Office called in to request victim information for Wells. This information was relayed to CPO Beltran as well.

I cleared from the scene and called the Winnebago County Coroner's Office. I spoke to Deputy Coroner Johnson who confirmed that Wells had died at Swedish American Hospital.

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Deputy Coroner Johnson advised that Dr. Lehman had pronounced Wells at 2148 hrs. Deputy Coroner Johnson advised that the cause of death was undetermined at this time and an autopsy would be on either 06/27 or 06/28. Well's mother was currently at the Hospital and Deputy Coroner Johnson had already made the next of kin notification. I provided Deputy Coroner Johnson with the circumstances of the incident as well as our case report number. I also informed Deputy Coroner Johnson that the DNR Conservation Police would be conducting the accident investigation.

I then went to the Ogle County Jail and met with CPO Beltran. I informed CPO Beltran of the location of the 2 boats as well as my conversation with Deputy Coroner Johnson. CPO Beltran was also given the written statements of Daily, Bushre and Lukes. CPO Beltran advised that Mongan was charged with OUI and Mongan refused to take the Intoxilyzer when requested. Upon completion of his paperwork, CPO Beltran was going to meet with Lamb at Rockford Memorial Hospital. I then cleared from the call.

On 06/25/16 at approximately 0530 hrs. I met with CPO Beltran at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office. CPO Beltran was conducting an examination of the boats involved and then was going to conduct interviews with Daily, Bushre and Lukes. I asked CPO Beltran to let me know if he needed any additional assistance.