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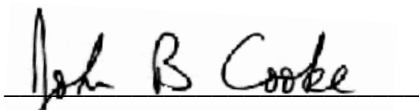
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BOATING ACCIDENT IN SOUTH WELD COUNTY INJURES SIX

Greeley, Colo. – Around 12:30 am this morning the Weld County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) received a call of a loud "boom" and a horn honking at Sandhill Lake, rural Weld County, North West of Fort Lupton near Weld County Roads 18 & 23.

Responding deputies located a boat in the rocks near the lake. There were a total of seven adult occupants on the boat at the time of the crash. One of the occupants, a passenger, left the scene prior to law enforcement arrival. The six remaining occupants of the boat were all transported to North Colorado Medical Center (NCMC) for treatment, one transport was by helicopter. The driver of the boat, a 48 year old male from Fort Lupton, and his 21 year old son from Edgewater were two of the occupants. Other occupants were a 25 year old female from Arvada, a 37 year old female from Brighton, a 23 year old female from Commerce City, and a 31 year old male from Brighton.

Currently the accident is still under investigation with alcohol a possible contributing factor. Currently the driver is at NCMC in critical condition; the 37 year old female is at NCMC in fair condition. All other patients were treated and released from NCMC.



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