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Update: Near Drowning Victim Succumbs to Injuries at Hospital

UPDATE: On June 9, 2015, at approximately 6:30pm, the victim from the near drowning incident on the Guadalupe River on June 1, 2015, was pronounced deceased at Resolute Health Hospital New Braunfels.

Next of kin has been notified and she has been identified as 26-year old Brittanie Kay Lee of Universal City.

The Guadalupe River in New Braunfels remains flowing at over 5000 cfs, which is a level deemed unsafe for tubing by city ordinance.

PREVIOUS RELEASE:

On June 1, 2015, at approximately 4:45pm, units from the New Braunfels Police Department and New Braunfels Fire and Rescue were dispatched to the area of the Guadalupe River under the Business 35N Bridge (400 blk) reference a subject caught in the undertow near the Mill Street dam.

With the assistance of nearby citizens, officers were able to locate a female who was still in the water and unconscious/unresponsive. Immediate steps were taken to remove her from the water and CPR was started. The female was immediately transported to Resolute Health Hospital in New Braunfels in Critical Condition by New Braunfels EMS.

Further investigation revealed that the female, along with a group of 6 others, had entered the Comal River at Hinman Island on private tubes. During their float, the tubers floated past the last public exit and exit signs on the Comal River and eventually floated into the confluence of the Guadalupe River. The tubers then came upon the Mill dam near Business 35N where some of them were able to negotiate through the rough water; however the victim was not able to, and became caught in the hydraulic for a short period of time.

The victim is a 26 year old female from Universal City and is currently being treated at Resolute Health Hospital New Braunfels. The victims name will not be released at this time however her immediate family members have been contacted.

The Guadalupe River is higher than usual because of the release from Canyon Lake Dam along with runoff from recent rains.

No tubing is allowed on the Guadalupe River inside the city limits of New Braunfels after the river flow reaches 1000 cfs.

Also when the Guadalupe River is over 750 cfs life jackets are required for all persons on the Guadalupe River.

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