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## *BUENA VISTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

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### Capsized Canoe on Storm Lake

On August 11, 2014 at approximately 5:00 P.M. the Buena Vista County Communications Center received a call from a resident near Casino Road that was advising of a capsized canoe with two boaters in the water. The Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to this incident.

The Sheriff's Office responded with a patrol boat to the area northeast of Casino Beach where deputies discovered one boater in the water with a life jacket approximately ¼ mile from the capsized canoe. The victim in the water was removed from the water and stated that there was another boater with her that was still hanging onto the canoe. Deputies responded to the canoe and removed the other victim from the water.

The victims, **Rebecca Simons** age 23 from Dow City, Iowa and **Tara Kerger** age 23 from Logan, Iowa, were transported to a dock off of Circle Park where Deputies had requested an ambulance to check the victims for any injuries. The victims were treated and released at the scene by the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Ambulance. The canoe was recovered by the Sheriff's Office and taken to the Storm Lake Marina. There was no damage to the canoe.

The incident was caused by high winds causing the canoe to become swamped with water and capsize. The Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Storm Lake Police Department, the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Paramedics and by Buena Vista University Security.