



News Release

July 9, 2009

Missing Person

Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder announced today deputies are searching for a missing person in the Blue Springs / Nob Hill area in northeastern Washington County.

On July 9, 2009 at 12:40 a.m. the Washington County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from Jerry **NICHOLS**, W/M, 27 of Springdale reporting he and his girlfriend, Elizabeth **HOLLOWELL**, W/F, 21 of Springdale had been swimming in the White River between Saddle Shop Rd. and Vaughan Rd. around midnight when Ms. **HOLLOWELL** went under water and never resurfaced. Mr. **NICHOLS** stated he searched for her for approximately 45 minutes before calling 911. Witness statements from an acquaintance and a bystander were consistent with statements given by Mr. **NICHOLS**.

Washington County deputies and the Washington County Sheriff's Office dive team responded and are still on the scene. Hickory Creek Fire and Rescue, Nob Hill Fire Department, Benton County Sheriff's Office and Benton County Water Rescue are assisting the Sheriff's Office in the search.

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