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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time: Saturday, October 10, 2009 1:38 p.m.
Involved: Donald J. ALLAIN; age 48 of 3 Sylvia Street, Three Rivers, MA 01080
Jean J. ALLAIN; age 47 of 7 Cottage Street, Spencer, MA 01562
Incident: Reported Boat Accident, Douglas Dive Rescue Team Activation

Douglas Police Dispatcher Dan Dunleavy received a cell phone call reporting a boating accident on Manchaug Lake. The caller reports the boat appears to be unoccupied but it is spinning out-of-control. Caller fears the occupants may have fallen out of boat.

Lt. Nick Miglionico and Patrolman Ronald Fortier responded. Douglas Dive Rescue Team activated, along with Douglas Fire Rescue, Engine 1 and Douglas Ambulance. Sutton Police Department notified also as they share jurisdiction of Manchaug Lake. Sutton Fire Rescue units were also dispatched at this time.

Upon the arrival of emergency and rescue units, the 2 occupants of the boat who were initially located in the water were confirmed to have been extracted from the lake by another boater. They were taken to the Douglas Ambulance, evaluated by EMT's, and subsequently released after declining further treatment or transportation to a nearby hospital.

Rescue personnel were able to maneuver the out-of-control, spinning boat toward a nearby cove where it became immobilized upon rocks. The boat was then boarded and disabled completely before being towed to the Lake Manchaug boat ramp and grounded.