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**Lost rafters found near Stillaguamish River**

Granite Falls, WA

About 10 p.m. Snohomish County patrol deputies and Search and Rescue personnel responded to the Stillaguamish River for two overdue female rafters. The two females ages 21, from Everett and 22, from Granite Falls, put in at River Scene Park in Granite Falls about 3:30 p.m. to float down river to Swinging Bridge Park, when they did not arrive 911 was called.

Phone contact was made with the victims who had exited the river but had no idea where they were. Once first responders were in the area cell phone contact was again made with the victims and their GPS coordinates were obtained, which were used to locate them very quickly. Both women were found safe and sound, but cold.

**Note:** Rafters had no real experience, not properly dressed, and no safety equipment.

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