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PRESS INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Boating incident

CASE NUMBER:

GENERAL LOCATION: Cottonwood Creek area of Tehama County

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: Tuesday April 28, 2020 at about 1:50 AM

VICTIM NAME: **AGE:**

ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION OF LOSS:

ARRESTEE NAME: **AGE:**

ADDRESS:

CHARGES: **BAIL:**

Tuesday April 28, 2020 at about 1:50 AM, Tehama County Sheriff's Dispatch received a phone call from Lucky Rhyne who reported that his daughter and grandson had left the previous day to float down Cottonwood Creek from Evergreen Road to Main Street in Cottonwood. Mr. Rhyne stated they were supposed to be at the Main St. Bridge by 10:00 PM and had not arrived.

Due to the late hours CHP fixed wing aircraft was not able to launch until daylight. CHP Air 11 was able to locate the subjects on the bank of the creek at about 7:30 AM. Tehama County Sheriff's Boating Safety Unit with the assistance of Cottonwood resident Scott Passmore were able to access the creek and rescue Tiffany Bryant (age 32), Bobbie Porterfield (age 20) and Ms. Bryant's juvenile son using Mr. Passmore's Side by Side UTV.

Ms. Bryant told the sergeant that her inner tube got a hole in it and deflated sometime the previous evening. She stated that they could see lights from the nearby residences and called for help most of the night, but no one came to help them. All subjects were uninjured and declined any medical assistance.

TCSO Boating Safety Unit want to remind everyone that you are required by law to have a life jacket with you and juveniles under 13 years old are required to be wearing a life jacket while floating on or while in any vessel (including inflatables) in the river. The Boating Safety Unit also suggests filing a "Float Plan" with them if you are planning to float the river. This plan should include dates, times (put in and take out), launch location and destination, emergency contact information and names and ages of all in your float party. Float plan forms can be found at the Department Of Boating and Waterways website:

<https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/pages/28702/files/floatplanform.pdf>