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PRESS RELEASE

On the evening of July 21, 2016, three juveniles were boating on Lake Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) when one of them, Reginald J. Nault, jumped or fell into the lake while the boat was traveling in excess of 50 mph. Nault subsequently drowned. After an extensive search Mr. Nault's body was located and recovered on August 3, 2016.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office completed their investigation and forwarded it to the Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney in late January 2016. Due to a potential "conflict of interest," the Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney's office transferred the case to me, the Boundary County Prosecuting Attorney who has no connection whatsoever with any of the parties involved or their families.

Since that time, a thorough review of the investigation has been completed by my office to include consultations with the investigators, the family of Mr. Nault, and scene visits to gain an understanding of the events.

This accident was and remains a horrible tragedy. Clearly, it has affected the families involved, and the community at large, in a profound way. However, based upon my review of this event and applicable Idaho law, I have determined that no criminal act can be shown to be a direct cause of Mr. Nault's death. Therefore, charges will not be filed against anyone by my office.

Jack R. Douglas
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