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*****Media Alert*****

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Date: Monday, April 20, 2009	Contact Information: Sheriff John Trumbo
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On Sunday April 19, 2009 at 7:03pm a drowning incident was reported to Umatilla County Dispatch Center. Victim, Ignacio LUCAS AMEZCUA (age 35) was reportedly attempting to rescue his twenty month old nephew; who fell into the canal at Cold Springs Reservoir approximately thirty feet from the spillway and was washed into the reservoir. Witnesses, Constantino SALVADOR LAZARO and Rodrigo LUCAS AMEZCUA also dove into the water. Constantino LAZARO and Rodrigo AMEZCUA dove into the water across the swift water of the spillway and Rodrigo AMEZCUA reportedly swam out into the reservoir on the other side of the swift water. Constantino LAZARO and Rodrigo AMEZCUA retrieved the twenty month old infant and swam back to shore, as Rodrigo AMEZCUA was on the other side of the swift water alone. Rodrigo AMEZCUA reportedly went down approximately twenty-five yards from the shore on the edge of the swift water and has not been seen since. Rodrigo AMEZCUA was last seen wearing a white shirt and blue-jeans.

Columbia Basin Dive Rescue was toned out at approximately 7:35pm and a six-member team arrived on scene at approximately 9:00pm. The recovery was called off for the night and the units cleared the scene at approximately 12:00am. Columbia Basin Dive Rescue member Francis BOCK said the team would return to continue with the recovery effort.

The infant was admitted into Good Shepherd Hospital and is being kept over night for observation

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