

## **Paddle Boarder Presumed Drowned Near Collins Beach**

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On Sunday, May 1, 2016 the Columbia County Sheriff's Office received a call at approximately 4:20 PM that a female paddle boarder went into the Columbia River and did not resurface. This occurred in the area of Collins Beach on Sauvie Island. 28 year old Ha Khuong Vo Dang of Portland is presumed drowned. A recovery search by the Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol continues this afternoon.

Two patrol boats from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office responded to search for the missing paddle boarder. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, US Coast Guard, Portland Fire, and Scappoose Fire also responded with patrol boats. A US Coast Guard helicopter also assisted in the search.

At approximately 8 PM the Columbia County Sheriff's office suspended the search. The missing person was not located.

Although the sheriff's office had identified the missing paddle boarder we did not release the name until notification was made today at 2:00 p.m., because family has not been able to be located until that time

It appears that the paddle boarder was not wearing a life jacket. The sheriff's office is also investigating the possibility that alcohol may have been involved. Citizens are reminded that the Columbia River at this time a year has very low temperatures with a fast current and all river users are encouraged to her personal floatation devices (PFD's) at all times.