



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Citizens Revive Boy after Nearly Drowning in Lake

#### Summary of Event

A 14-year-old boy was revived after he nearly drowned in Hagg Lake. The boy went under the surface of the water and became lifeless. He was pulled from the water and given CPR until he began breathing. He is listed in good condition at the hospital.

#### Full Details

On August 14, 2010, at about 5:00 p.m., the Washington County Sheriff's Marine Patrol was at Henry Hagg Lake when a citizen called 911 to report a person drowned. Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Sain Creek Picnic Area at Hagg Lake which is a popular swimming location.

When the deputies arrived, they found 14-year-old Shawn Gridley, Jr. of Beaverton, conscious and breathing on his own. It was reported that Shawn was swimming in about eight feet of water with family and friends. The initial investigation revealed that they were playing a game to see who could hold their breath the longest and doing the "dead man's float." Shawn appeared to be in distress, then went under the surface. It is believed he was under the water for one minute. Friends started screaming for help, but they were not taken seriously at first because they had been yelling and screaming while playing for quite some time prior to the incident.

An alert 15-year-old, Tiara Freeman of Saint Helens, was swimming close to Shawn and realized he was in trouble. She saw him go under the surface and swam over to him. Ms. Freeman dove down and pulled Shawn, who was unconscious, under the water until she was close enough to the shore where she could touch the bottom of the lake. She continued pulling him to the shoreline where other people were gathering.

Tiara's mother, 40-year-old Kathleen Hinkel also from Saint Helens, helped pull Shawn the rest of the way out of the water and began giving him rescue breaths. Ms. Hinkel works for the Clackamas County Juvenile Department and she is trained in CPR and first aid. She continued rescue breaths as 24-year-old Nicholas Evans from Beaverton began chest compressions in an effort to save Shawn's life.

After about one minute, Shawn spit out water and began breathing on his own as he regained consciousness. Gaston Fire Department responded to assist. Shawn was transported to Tuality Hospital by ground then to OHSU for observation. It appears he will recover from the incident. None of the rescuers knew Shawn prior to rendering lifesaving assistance to him.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office commends these alert citizens for their swift actions which saved another person's life. The Sheriff's Office trains all staff members in CPR and first aid annually and encourages every citizen to also learn it.

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