



Moorhead Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

PATROL DIVISION

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Case # 09010281

Subject: Man in River

At 1449 hours, Moorhead police officers and Moorhead Fire were dispatched to the area of 2nd Avenue North and the Red River for a man in the river. Deputies from Clay County assisted in locating the scene north of River Front Park.

The investigation found that a 29 year old Moorhead man had been on the train tracks above the Red River when he accidentally fell into the river. The victim was accompanied by a friend and a brother. When the victim entered the water he was conscious and trying to swim in the current. The travel companions went to the bank of the Red River to try and help the victim but he was unable to swim to the bank. A female jogger that was running on the bike path of River Front Park was asked to help because the two companions did not know how to swim. The jogger entered the water and swam to the victim's location. By the time she reached him he was unconscious and face down in the water. She grabbed the victim and swam to the bank of the river until she could touch. The victim's brother then entered the water to help remove him from the water. The victim was removed with the assistance of Clay County deputies, Moorhead officers and FM Ambulance personnel. Life saving efforts began immediately on the victim. He was transported to Meritcare Hospital.

The identity of the victim is not being released at this time. The identity of the heroic jogger is Josie Green, an 18 year old freshman at MSUM. Her actions were extremely brave and heroic. The contact number for her dorm is 477-2210. She has indicated she is willing to speak with the media.

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