

Lawrence Police Department
Media Release
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Subject rescued from Kansas River

On Friday June 5, 2009, at 1207 hours Officers were dispatched to the north side of the Kansas River in reference to a subject in the water under distress. Douglas County Sheriff's deputies were the first to arrive on scene and located a white male subject on the downstream side of the spillway. The subject appeared to be pinned under a large log. The subject was still alert and conscious. Douglas County Sheriff's deputies, Lawrence Police Officers and Lawrence Fire Medical personnel rescued the individual from the river. The victim is a 14 year old Lawrence resident. The victim was transported to a local hospital and then flown to a Kansas City area hospital. The Lawrence Police Department is currently investigating the case with the assistance of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. The Lawrence Police Department has questioned four witnesses that were with the victim and the case is still under investigation.

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Update
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The juvenile that fell into the river on Friday June 05, 2009 has been identified as 14 year old Lawrence resident, Joseph Alhert. The investigation has concluded that the fall was an accident. There is not update on his condition.

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