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MEDIA RELEASE

Teenager Struck by a Boat Propeller on Lake Marie

On July 14, 2019, at approximately 12:42PM, the Lake County Sheriff's Marine Unit responded to Lake Marie for a person struck by a boat propeller.

Preliminary investigation shows the victim, an 18-year-old male, of Palatine, was riding on the bow of a 2005 Premier Marine Pontoon Boat, outside of the area designated for passengers. The pontoon was in motion while the passenger was in an area he wasn't supposed to be. The teenager fell off the pontoon, and his leg was struck by the pontoon's propeller.

He was transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

The pontoon's operator, Yinxiang Wang, 45, of the 21300 block of West Windsor Drive, Kildeer, was cited for careless operation of a watercraft, for operating the boat while a passenger was in a non-designated passenger area.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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