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For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: June 25, 2009
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Release #: 2009-073
Incident Case #: 09-06769
Incident Date: June 24 -25, 2009
Incident Location: 7401 Lakeshore Drive, Gainesville, FL (Newnan's Lake)

Missing Boater in Newnan's Lake:

At approximately 7:05 p.m. last night, Alachua County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a report of a missing boater at Palm Point Park on Newnan's Lake. Their initial investigation revealed that the individual had gone into the water sometime between 5 and 6 p.m. Deputies quickly mobilized a rescue party and began searching on both the water and in the air.

The search had to be suspended at dark, but was restarted around 6:30 a.m. this morning. Our deputies were assisted on the water by officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC). We also had air units and our dive team assisting with the search.

At approximately 2:15 p.m. this afternoon, FWC officers located a body in the lake. At this point, we do not have any further information as to the cause of death of the subject and our investigation is ongoing. We are not releasing the name of the individual pending notification of next of kin. We will release more information as it becomes available.

If anyone has any information about this case, please call the Sheriff's Office at (352) 955-1818. Callers may also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (352) 372-STOP (7867).