

News Release

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Man Rescued from Vancouver Lake

At 10:05 today Clark County Fire District 6 was called to Vancouver Lake to rescue a man who had jumped into the water and was clinging to a tree about 40 yards in from the east bank. Using Fire District 6's rescue boat, firefighters were able to get close to the man, but had to swim the rest of the way because of thick brush. The man, a 66-year-old, suffered minor hypothermia. He was transported by American Medical Response ambulance to OHSU.

The man's sister says he suffers from dementia and was distraught this morning; fearing for his safety, she contacted the Clark County Sheriff's Office. The man was walking north on Lakeshore Avenue near NW 88th St., with his sister, and deputies following him in vehicles, when he took off towards the lake and jumped in.

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