Bartlett Lake Accident

On Saturday, Aug 5, 2017 at approximately 1:14pm, MCSO Lake Patrol Deputies responded to a head-on boating accident involving a speedboat and a personal water craft, (Jet Ski) at Bartlett Lake. The 15 year old rider received major injuries to his face and head and was transported to shore by other boaters. Deputies found him unconscious but breathing. He was transported by air to Maricopa Medical Center. The teen boy suffered severe head and face trauma and underwent surgeries with many more to come. The teen remains at the hospital in stable but serious condition.

The lake was searched by deputies and MCSO helicopter, (Fox1) but the suspect/s and their boat was not found. The speedboat may have had a black canopy top and the hull color was possibly light grey with tones of charcoal and black.

Two people of interest have been identified by MCSO as being involved in this incident. One of two boat occupants is a white male about 30 years of age, 5’8-5’9 with a shaved head and well-trimmed goatee. The other occupant has been described as possibly a Hispanic female in her late teens to early 20’s with long black hair. These individuals are persons of interest who MCSO is looking to speak with.

Lake Patrol Detectives are asking if you were involved in helping at the scene or witnessed any suspicious activity at the boat ramps around that time please contact the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office at 602 876-1011.