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Authorities search for clues

Hypnosis used in search for driver of boat that struck woman

Investigators working on the June 17 boating accident which occurred on Lake Lewisville report that investigative hypnosis has been used on several witnesses to the accident which critically injured Stephanie Booker of Carrollton.

Significant leads were acquired from those hypnosis sessions, including far better descriptions of the suspect boat, believed to be red and of the cigarette/scarab/fountain variety and its occupants. Investigators say they are currently following the leads generated by that information.

"The use of retired Department of Public Safety Officer Marx Howell, who is now a forensics hypnotherapist based in Austin, was initiated on the part of the Denton County Sheriff's Department in an effort to obtain more information concerning the case," said Denton County Sheriff Weldon Lucas. "Mr. Howell has been able to provide much more information through the use of hypnotherapy that we hope will lead to the person or people responsible for this crime."

"Whoever did this has committed a crime," Lucas emphasized. "Whoever was with the people who did this also are committing a crime by not coming forward. This holds true for any witness who has not called with information he or she might have. The family members and friends of Stephanie Booker have a right to see justice done for the tragedy that has befallen this young woman."

Lucas added that investigation on the case is a cooperative effort of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Denton County Sheriff's Department, and the Texas Ranger Service.

Investigators request that any persons who might be involved in marine fiberglass/paint repair who have repaired a boat that falls into the cigarette/scarab/fountain class since June 17, or any other person who might have information on this accident call Denton County Crimestoppers at (800) 388-TIPS.

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