

Ravalli County Sheriff's Office
205 Bedford Street, Suite G
Hamilton, MT 59840



Chris Hoffman, Sheriff

Stephen Holton, Undersheriff

SPECIAL PRESS RELEASE

May 1, 2014

Shortly after 7:30 AM on April 30th, the Florence Volunteer Fire Department, Ravalli County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, and Ravalli County Search and Rescue responded to East Side Highway, and the Bitterroot River, on a report of a vehicle in the water.

Fire personnel were unable to determine if anyone was in the 2003 Chevy Blazer, as it was mostly submerged. They requested assistance from Ravalli County Search and Rescue. Divers verified that the car was unoccupied, and then assisted in recovering it from the river.

When deputies contacted the registered owner of the vehicle, she reported that the car had apparently been stolen from her Victor residence sometime during the night.

The matter is being investigated by the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff Chris Hoffman asks that anyone with information regarding the incident please call the Sheriff's Office at 363-3033.

END---