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On June 28, 2016 search efforts resumed for the missing rafter on the South Fork of the Boise River. Elmore County Deputies and Search and Rescue personnel are working approximately 1.5 miles upstream from Neal Bridge in an area known as Buffalo Creek an effort to recover a rafter who was rafting the river on Sunday evening with his son. The raft overturned and the father disappeared in the rapids.

Elmore County Sheriff's Office and Search and Rescue worked with The Bureau of Reclamation to slow the water flow so that search efforts attempt to locate the rafter. This process took about 9 hours to drop the water levels to safely sweep the area of interest to locate the victim.

Early this afternoon searcher's located the victim, Richard Arave in very swift and a dangerous area on the river. Recovery efforts were suspended today because the recovery efforts pose a serious risk to recovery personnel.

The Elmore County Sheriff's Office is working with the Bureau of Reclamation in an effort to lower the water again tomorrow to attempt a recovery effort. We need to make sure the safety of our recovery personnel are at the foremost of this recovery.

This recovery is ongoing and we will release more information as it becomes available. Nothing further at this time.

Chief Deputy Mike Barclay
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