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For Immediate Release

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Incident #: **18c03533 Rescue of Fallen Hiker**

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Castle Rock Area – Wenatchee, WA

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports an injured female hiker was rescued off a steep slope below Castle Rock – a popular hiking area in Wenatchee - Wednesday evening. The RIVERCOM 911 center received the first report of the fall at 3:43pm from a subject stating her friend, Erika Juarez (18yoa of Wenatchee) had fallen at least 20 feet from near the top of the Castle Rock formation and then slid an additional 50 feet down the slope before coming to rest on the side of the steep hill.

Responders from Chelan County Fire District #1, the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, Lifeline Ambulance, and Chelan County Volunteer Search & Rescue responded. Juarez was located approximately 400 feet up hill from the base of the steep slope consisting of scree rock and brush. It was determined Juarez had suffered a compound fracture to one ankle and an internal fracture to her other ankle. She also had a dislocated knee, lacerations and was advising of back and neck pain. Juarez was assessed and stabilized by medics while equipment was transported to the scene and a rope system was put into place. She was lowered approximately 350 feet down the slope and then taken by wheeled litter and a WATV to an awaiting ambulance. Juarez was transported to Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee for treatment. Her condition was serious, but stable as of the time of this media release.

Due to the steep terrain involved in this incident and patient location, 24 rescue personnel from the four response agencies were utilized. It took nearly 3 ½ hours to safely remove Juarez from the slope.

See accompanying photographs.

Inquires concerning this incident may be directed to Sergeant Kent Sisson at the Chelan County Sheriff's Office (509)667-6864.



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