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MEDIA ADVISORY: Eagle One, H-40 Involved In Mountain Rescue

This past Saturday, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office helicopter "Eagle One" teamed up with the California Highway Patrol helicopter "H-40" to rescue an injured Fresno man in the mountains of southeast Fresno County.

Shortly after 4:00 pm, Sheriff's dispatchers received a call of a man who had fallen down a waterfall near Garlic Falls on the Upper Kings River. Eagle One immediately responded with a Search & Rescue Sergeant.

The injured 28 year old was spotted about 2 miles south of the waterfall and a short distance west of the river. Eagle one was able to land on the riverbed whereupon the flight officer and SAR sergeant hiked about 1/2 mile to the victim. The victim was seriously injured and complaining of sever back pain from the 30 foot fall.

H-40 was also able to land on the river bottom at which time the CHP pilot and paramedic also hiked to the victim's location. The victim was placed on a backboard and moved to a nearby clearing, big enough for Eagle One to land in. The victim was then loaded onto Eagle One and flown to the riverbed area where H-40 was standing by. The victim was then transferred to H-40 who transported him to Community Regional Medical Center.

After getting the victim to CRMC, it was learned that he had sustained significant injuries to his back. His condition is unknown at this time.