

Oregon man likely dead in jump from bridge

by Cheryl McDermott

A 50-year old Boring, Oregon man is presumed dead after jumping 145 feet from the Bridge of the Gods to the Columbia River below on Sunday afternoon. Water temperatures hovered in the upper 30s, police reported.

The man reportedly jumped from this approximate location on the Bridge of the Gods, 145 feet below to the frigid waters of the Columbia River near the Oregon - Washington border. OSP photo. Witnesses told Oregon State Police (OSP) Sgt. Julie Wilcox that the man, whose name has not yet been released, stopped his 2006 Toyota Avalon a short distance from the Oregon - Washington line about noon on February 10, got out, walked across the bridge and without hesitation jumped over the guardrail into the river.

No sign of the man was found during an extensive search by OSP, Skamania and Hood River County Sheriff's deputies, Cascade Locks Fire Department, and Oregon Department of Transportation. Skamania County Sheriff's boats patrolled the waters into late afternoon.

Troopers found the man's identification and a personal note inside the car on the seat. Family members reported last seeing the 50-year old about 11 a.m.

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