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News Release

On Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 12:30 AM, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office responded to Lake Monroe for several calls for service.

The first was to the Hardin Ridge Campground for reports of a female injured as a result of a tree falling on their campsite. The injured female was on the phone with Monroe County Central Dispatch (MCCD) who provided her over the phone first aid. Deputies were able to navigate the storm debris and render aid until the tree was removed from the victims tent. She was transported to IU Health Bloomington Hospital Emergency Department for further medical attention.

The second call for service was to the Fairfax State Recreation Area, the Fourwinds Marina for reports of heavily damaged boat docks with approximately 100 patrons stranded on the now free floating boat docks. Deputies assured everyone's safety by having them stay on the docks until a proper safety assessment and route were found to get the patrons to shore.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office would like to commend the responding agencies, Monroe County Fire Protection District, IU Health Ambulance, Indiana DNR, and MCCD for their hard work, emergency preparedness and calmness during the storm.