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INITIAL PRESS RELEASE

(completed by Investigating Officer)

Date: November 14th, 2011

Issued by: Dep. Mark Brecht

Type of Incident: Water Rescue

Location: Putnam County Road 22
Van Ham Dairy Farm

Information released:

On November 14th 2011 at approximately 9:25pm the Putnam County Sheriff's Office received a 911 transfer call from Paulding County for a vehicle in water. Earl A. Kuhlman, 63, of Fort Jennings, Ohio appeared to be traveling southbound on County Road 22 near the Village of Continental. He failed to negotiate a curve on Road 22 at Road G causing him to drive into the fresh water supply pond on the Van Ham Dairy Farm property. Kuhlman was unable to escape from the vehicle and was rescued by John L. Neumeier, 58, of Maria Stein, Ohio. Kuhlman was transported to Ambulatory Care Center in Glandorf, Ohio by Continental EMS and was later transferred to St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, Ohio. Assisting on the scene was Continental Fire Department and Water Rescue, Kalida Fire Department and Heavy Rescue, and The Putnam County Dive Team. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office is still investigating this incident.

Press Release given to the following: _____ALL_____ News media