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Two seriously injured in incident at Brown's Lake

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SALIX, **Iowa** – DNR Conservation Officers responded to a boating incident that left two people with serious injuries on Saturday, May 25 at Brown's Lake just before 4:00pm.

Two tubers, Adreanna Hamman, 17, of Sioux City, and Bernard Jon Baker (B.J. Baker), 39, of Lawton, were being pulled behind a boat driven by Nicole Baker, 29, when the tube struck a stationary boat causing serious injury to both tubers.

Both Hamman and Baker were taken to a Sioux City hospital. Hamman has since been transferred to an Omaha hospital and has undergone surgery and is in stable condition. Baker is still at a Sioux City Hospital and is currently stabilized.

Alcohol and drugs were not a factor in the crash. All safety equipment was in place on the boat during the crash and the tubers were wearing personal flotation devices when the crash occurred. Charges are pending.

Woodbury County Conservation, Woodbury County Sheriff's Department, and the Iowa State Patrol assisted the Iowa DNR with the investigation.