



SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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Media Release Bonner County Deputies Shot January 16, 2017

Blanchard, Idaho (Bonner County)- Two Bonner County Deputies and one suspect shot during arrest warrant service.

At approximately 11:30 am, Bonner County Deputies attempted to serve an arrest warrant in the 700 block of Mountain View Rd. near Blanchard, ID. During their contact, gunfire was exchanged which resulted in the two Deputies and a suspect male being wounded. We currently have no reason to believe anyone else from the public is in any danger.

The Deputies and the suspect were transported to Kootenai Medical Center, where all three underwent surgery for their wounds. At this time, the Deputies are in satisfactory condition and are expected to recover. The suspect is still undergoing surgery for his wounds.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office will be the primary investigating agency, as part of the North Idaho Critical Incident Task Force and are working closely with the Bonner County Sheriff's Office.

The names of the Deputies and suspect are not being released at this time until all notifications are officially made to their respective families.

We appreciate all the support from our communities and we are striving to release information as quickly as it can officially be released. Please be patient, as this is a somewhat large and active investigation.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff

By: Detective Dennis Stinebaugh