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MEDIA RELEASE

Kootenai County Sheriff's Office investigates felony car v. pedestrian crash in Dalton Gardens

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, shortly after 4:15AM, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office and Kootenai County EMS responded to the 5800 Block of N. 15th St., just north of E. Dalton Ave. in Dalton Gardens for an injury vehicle vs. pedestrian hit and run crash.

On scene, deputies and medical personnel discovered 45 year old Rodney H. Russell, of Coeur d'Alene, seriously injured and laying just off the east side of the arterial surface of 15th St. Russell suffered significant upper body and head trauma and was rushed to Kootenai Health, where he is listed in critical condition.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office Traffic Team was called out and has taken over the investigation.

Initial investigation indicates that Russell was walking along the east shoulder of N 15th Street when he was struck by a northbound vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued on and did not stop or render aid.

The KCSO Traffic Team is requesting any assistance from the public in locating the suspect vehicle. If anyone has information they feel is related to this investigation, they are asked to call the Sheriff's Office at (208)446-1300, or the online anonymous tip form on our website at <http://www.kcsheriff.com/anonymous-tip.html>.

Evidence collected from the scene leads investigators to believe the suspect vehicle is a mid to full sized SUV or pickup, however this is not definite. There will be notable damage to the right front corner of the suspect vehicle around the passenger side headlight assembly. The vehicle was also equipped with a translucent, dark grey, or "smoke" colored bug guard that will be damaged on the passenger side.

Investigators are also researching other broken bumper parts with part numbers that were left at the scene in an effort to determine the specific make and model of the suspect vehicle.

Further details regarding this case will be released as they become available.

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