



SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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MEDIA RELEASE

KCSO Responds to Fiery Crash

On Monday, June 25, 2018, shortly after 10:00AM, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office along with Kootenai County Fire and Rescue, responded to N. Corbin Rd. just north of W. Hargrave Ave. for a single vehicle automobile crash.

When deputies arrived on scene, they discovered a green 1995 Dodge Dakota pickup had left the roadway after travelling northbound on N. Corbin Rd., and had crashed into a patch of rocks and trees. The vehicle was also on fire. Deputies and members of the Kootenai County Fire and Rescue worked diligently to extricate the driver, 55 year old Valentino Nunez of Post Falls, who was unable to get out of the burning pickup.

Kootenai Fire was able to extinguish the fire swiftly and Nunez was transported to Kootenai Health where he remains in critical condition.

The Kootenai County Sheriff Traffic Team was called out to take over the investigation.

Evidence at the scene and further information developed during the course of the investigation have led investigators to believe Nunez had some form of medical episode prior to the crash.

There is no evidence that drugs or alcohol were involved in this incident.

Sheriff Ben Wolfinger
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