



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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## Media Release Kootenai County Jail Hits Record High Number of Inmates March 27, 2017

**Kootenai County, Idaho:** The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office hit new record high numbers of inmates in custody over the weekend at the jail.

The Kootenai County Jail's current design is built to accommodate 327 beds. As of Sunday morning March 26, 2017, the Kootenai County Jail broke a new record with a total of 439 inmates being in custody. Of those 439 inmates, approximately 77.9% (342) were being held on felony charges.

Another record broken this weekend was the total number of female inmates being held at the Kootenai County Jail. For the first time ever the total number of female inmates exceeded 100, with a total of 105 being in custody Sunday morning, or just under 24% of the total population. Roughly 84% of the females in custody were being held on felony charges.

By this morning, the population was reduced to 425 inmates still in custody. Currently there are now 329 still in custody being held on felony charges. Today, 51 inmates are scheduled to attend first appearances. Hopefully, a number of them will be able to post bond following their court appearance today.

To assist in keeping our jail population more manageable, the Jail currently has 58 inmates housed out of county in various other jails to include; Bonner County, Idaho, along with Yakima and Ferry Counties in Washington State.

Last week the Board of County Commissioners moved one step further to expanding the existing jail after meeting with architects, general contractors and Sheriff's Office staff. Initial work is scheduled to begin the end of May with completion in August of 2018.

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