



SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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Media Release Man with Murder History Fights Deputies and K9 Unit February 3, 2016

Bayview, Idaho - The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office has taken Steven Patrick Namid Droogs into custody after he attempted to flee and then fight deputies.

At 7:20 this morning, a Deputy checked on a male who appeared intoxicated and was walking on Perimeter Rd. near the Careywood Cut Off Rd., The male, Steven Patrick Namid Droogs, provided the Deputy with a false name. While checking to see if the male was armed, Droogs fled on foot.

The Deputy ordered Droogs to stop but he refused. The Deputy deployed a Taser and Droogs fell to the ground, however, Droogs was able to pull free from the Taser wires and continued to run. While running, Droogs told the Deputy he was armed with an "AR" and told the Deputy to kill him because he wasn't going back to prison. The foot chase continued with Droogs running into a home located at 17561 Perimeter Rd.

Deputies contacted numerous people at the residence who claimed they didn't know Droogs. Deputies searched the residence, with the owner's permission, and located a Taser probe on a bedroom dresser along with the jacket Droogs had been wearing with the second probe still in it.

Deputies next discovered that Droogs had climbed into the attic of the home. Droogs refused orders to come out of the house and was sprayed with OC. He continued to refuse to come out, so a Kootenai County K-9 unit was deployed. Droogs choked and punched the K-9 and then also punched the Deputy several times. The K-9 was able to successfully subdue Droogs who finally surrendered to Deputies.

Droogs was charge today with Battery on a K-9, Battery on an Officer, Obstruction, and Giving False Information to an Officer.

Droogs was wanted by the Idaho Dept. of Corrections for absconding probation on a manslaughter charge that had been reduced down from 1st Degree Murder. Droogs also had an active warrant out of Nez Perce County for Aggravated Assault committed after his release. Droogs served less than half his original sentence before being released by IDOC. He has a lengthy Multi-State criminal history in Nebraska, Idaho, Washington, and California. Droogs' history includes; Murder, Poss. of drugs, paraphernalia, criminal trespassing, grand theft, probation violations, and assault charges.

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