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**To: Media**

**Chief Wayne M. Longo**

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On November 2<sup>nd</sup> at approximately 11:00pm Coeur d'Alene Police officers responded to the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> St. and Coeur d'Alene Ave for the report of a fight between two men. The reporting party stated one of the males had a gun. Jeremiah H. Starr, 34 years of age of Coeur d'Alene was arrested for robbery after officers investigated the incident.

Officers spoke to Luther Nicholas, 21 years of age of Coeur d'Alene and Michael Garitone, 18 years of age of Coeur d'Alene. Both males stated they had just been robbed at gunpoint by a white male. The victims said they were walking to a friend's house when they observed a male walking toward them on the opposite side of the street. The victims claim the male (Starr) quickly approached them and pulled a gun from his waist pocket. They said he pointed the gun in Garitone's face and demanded money.

The males gave Starr a small amount of cash Garitone had in his wallet. Starr walked away and Garitone and Nicholas started following him to see what vehicle he would get into. They stated Starr turned around and threatened them. Starr then ran toward them and began to fight with Garitone. Garitone wrestled the gun away from him. Starr ran to a nearby residence and went inside. Garitone attempted to follow him but the door was shut. Garitone and Nicholas said they had never met Starr before or had ever seen him in the neighborhood.

Officers on scene were able to locate Starr hiding in the basement of that residence located in the 1100 block of CDA Ave. A female at the residence claimed Starr is the father of her baby. Officers also recovered an air soft BB gun from the scene that looks like an actual handgun. Starr was booked into the Kootenai County Public Safety Building for robbery.

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