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**KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MEDIA RELEASE
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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office is investigating an incident where two young children were found alongside Interstate 90 earlier today.

A construction supervisor at the I-90 interchange project at Mile Post 1, found the 3 and 6 year old boys sitting in the grass near the construction area about 9:10 a.m. The boys told deputies that their mother had run out of gas and gone for help. The boys also told deputies that their mother had walked them to the location while it was still dark and raining.

The mother, Shannon Marie Germanton, AKA, Shannon Marie Duval, 27, of Spokane Valley, WA, has not been located at this time. Investigators have learned that she was given a ride by a Jacklin Seed employee to the Exxon Station at Pleasant View Road and Riverbend Drive between 6:30 and 7:30 this morning. She told the employee that she had been in an argument with her boyfriend and just needed to get to a phone to call for a ride.

After being cleared by emergency medical providers, the children have been placed in foster care with the Department of Health and Welfare Child Protective Services.

If anyone knows the location of Shannon Germanton, AKA Duval, or has seen her since early this morning, they are asked to call the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office at (208) 446-1300.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

By: Major Ben Wolfinger