



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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## \*\*\*MEDIA RELEASE UPDATE\*\*\*

### Auto v. Motorcycle collision, Stateline, Idaho May 2, 2014

Preliminary investigation regarding the earlier traffic collision at W. Seltice Way and E. Wellesley, in the Stateline Village of Idaho has resulted in the following information:

Richard A. Sundstrom, 60, of Spokane Valley, was driving his 1999 GMC Yukon SUV, eastbound on E. Wellesley when he failed to yield from the stop sign at the intersection of W. Seltice Way. Sundstrom then struck a 2010 Harley Davidson motorcycle, that was travelling westbound on W. Seltice Way, driven by Thomas M. Little John, 60 of Bonanza, Oregon. Little John and his passenger, Lauren E. Berry, 42, of Indian Hill, Colorado, were both ejected from the motorcycle that went down as a result of the collision.

After colliding with the motorcycle, Sundstrom continued eastbound, directly across W. Seltice Way, and into the parking lot of the A-1 State Line Smoke and Wine Shop, at 7200 W. Seltice Way. Sundstrom's vehicle continued to accelerate, nearly striking the gas pumps and another vehicle before careening into a black 2008 Chrysler PT Cruiser, and a green 1998 Ford Aerostar van that were both parked at the business. The PT Cruiser was pushed into the front of the business, causing some minor to moderate structural damage, however the business remained open and no one inside the business was injured. The impact into the Aerostar van caused it to smash into a red 1995 Ford Mustang convertible that was also parked at the business. All three of those vehicles, which were heavily damaged, were unoccupied at the time.

Little John and Berry were transported to Kootenai Health, in Coeur d'Alene, where they are still undergoing treatments for their injuries, which included several broken bones and lacerations. Little John is in ICU and is listed in critical condition. Berry is tentatively listed in serious condition.

Sundstrom indicated at the scene that his vehicle had a mechanical malfunction which contributed to the collision. That has not been verified at this time. Alcohol is not a factor in this incident.

No citations have been issued at this time, but the investigation will continue and there remains a possibility of pending charges.

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