



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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## Media Release April 13, 2015 \*UPDATE\*

### UPDATE:

On April 13, at just before noon, KCSO detectives were following up with known associates of Mr. Couture and residences that he may be at when they located his car at the Tullamore apartments in Post Falls, ID. After a short telephone conversation, Mr. Couture exited an apartment belonging to a friend of his. Mr. Couture was arrested on an unrelated warrant. Mr. Couture remains a person of interest in the earlier shooting incident in Hauser Lake. Detectives will be following up with interviews and search warrants for Mr. Couture's vehicle and the apartment which he was located in.

**Hauser, ID** – Kootenai County Sheriff's Office detectives are seeking the suspect in a shooting incident that left one man injured.

On April 12, 2015 at about 9:30 PM, Sheriff's deputies were called to a residence in the 11700 block of N. Hauser Lake Road for a reported shooting.

The caller reported that the victim had been shot and the shooter fled the area in a vehicle. Once on scene, deputies found a male lying on the ground outside the residence with a gunshot wound. Medical personnel arrived shortly after and transported the male to Kootenai Health.

According to witnesses, the victim, identified as Jeremy D. Stutheit, 40 years old of Rathdrum, ID was involved in an altercation at the Dinki D's bar in Hauser with another male, identified as Michael E. Couture, 49 years old of Post Falls, ID.

Once the fight was broken up, the two left the bar separately and Stutheit was shot a short time later outside a residence in the vicinity of the bar.

Currently, Couture is a person of interest in this case and is being sought for questioning. Couture may be driving a gold 2000 Nissan Altima, 4 door sedan with Idaho license plate K566572.

Further information will be released when it becomes available.  
Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff  
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