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Hayden, ID – Local fugitive arrested after alleged robbery and a botched drug deal.

On February 13, 2016, Kootenai County Sheriff's deputies were called to a reported battery near the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Marabou Drive in the city of Hayden.

The caller, Tamara D. Mobeck, 21 years old of Hauser Lake, ID, reported she and her friend, Cole E. Wyant, 23 years old of Coeur d'Alene, ID had picked up another friend, Cody R. Smotherman, 22 years old of Rathdrum, from the Hayden Holiday gas station so they could get "high."

Just west of the gas station, Wyant pulled his car to the side of the road where he allegedly handed Smotherman some heroin. Smotherman, while seated in the back of the car then sprayed Wyant with bear spray and fled the car instead of paying him for the drugs.

When the deputies arrived, they found both Wyant and Mobeck suffering the effects of the bear spray. Wyant, who had an active warrant for burglary and grand theft was treated at the scene and subsequently arrested on the warrant as well as possession of a controlled substance (heroin) and possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use. Wyant is currently in custody on the noted charges, his bond is $60,300.

Mobeck was also arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance, harboring a fugitive, frequenting a location where drugs are used and possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use. Mobeck was released from the jail after posting bond in the amount of $20,600.00.

Smotherman was located on February 15th, during an unrelated traffic stop. After being questioned, he was arrested for robbery and also charged with battery and possession of drug paraphernalia. Smotherman is currently being held on two counts of aggravated battery and possession of a controlled substance. His bond is $20,000.00.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff
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