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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA UPDATE MARCH 14, 2012

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office reports that in their continuing investigation into the officer involved shooting that occurred during the early morning hours on March 12, has resulted in more information that can be released at this time.

Investigators completed evidence processing of the suspect's vehicle yesterday. During the search of the vehicle, investigator's located a wig, clothing and false identifications as well as evidence that the vehicle was recently painted from blue to white. They also located 6 cans of black spray paint that may have been planned to use to paint the car again. Additionally, a brass-knuckle / stun gun combination weapon, a knife, three cellular telephones, drug paraphernalia and a police scanner that was operating and tuned to local law enforcement frequencies were all in the car.

Today, investigators completed interviews with the involved officers. The final autopsy report is anticipated in three to five weeks from the pathologist. Investigators will now take the next several days compiling all of the information in preparation of providing the entire report to the Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney, Barry McHugh, for his review.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

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