



SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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Dalton Gardens, ID – Athol resident arrested after running into an Idaho State Police car then attempting to flee the scene.

On February 2, 2016 at just after 6:00 pm, Kootenai County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Prairie Avenue and Rude Street for a hit and run crash that involved an Idaho State Police trooper's car.

Once on scene, they learned that the trooper was stopped in traffic at Highway 95 and Prairie Avenue, waiting for the traffic light when he was rear-ended by dark colored passenger car. The suspect driver then attempted to flee, westbound on Prairie Avenue at a high rate of speed. After a short pursuit, the car yielded at Prairie Avenue and Rude Street.

The driver, later identified as Kyle M. Hodgson, 24 years old of Athol, Idaho, was detained without further incident until deputies arrived on scene.

Hodgson was later arrested and charged with felony DUI, felony attempting to elude police, leaving the scene of an accident, and possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use. He is currently being held without bond pending his first appearance hearing.

Hodgson refused medical assistance at the scene; the trooper said he was a little sore from the collision, but was also evaluated at the scene and cleared of any significant injuries.

Hodgson has two previous adult arrests in Kootenai County for obstructing a peace officer, probation violation, DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving without privileges.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff
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