



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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## Media Release

### Washington Resident Arrested On Multiple Charges Following Pursuit With Deputies

On Wednesday, February 10, 2016, around 1:45 AM, a Kootenai County Deputy observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the Super 1 Foods parking lot in Hayden, Idaho. The female driver of the vehicle was later identified as Brandyce L. Bearss, 35 years old of Graham, WA. Bearss left the parking lot and committed a traffic violation on Honeysuckle Road near Reed Road. Deputies attempted to stop her, but Bearss fled the area.

Deputies pursued Bearss on Honeysuckle west to Bean Avenue where she drove into a yard and through several barbed wire fences, into a field and then back onto Atlas Rd. Bearss drove south on Atlas Road and then east onto Kathleen Avenue where she continued to drive in the center of the road and swerved to miss a vehicle in on-coming traffic. Bearss avoided an attempt by Deputies to use stop sticks to deflate the tires and then turned north onto Building Center Drive where she slammed on her brakes causing a crash with a deputy's vehicle. Bearss then complied with Deputies verbal orders and was then taken into custody without further incident.

Further investigation revealed the vehicle Bearss was driving was stolen from Boise Idaho. Bearss was also in possession of several checks stolen from the victim of the vehicle theft.

Bearss was arrested for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Felony Eluding, Grand Theft, Driving While Suspended, and two counts of Malicious Injury to Property. Additionally, she was booked for an outstanding warrant charging her with Grand Theft and Eluding.

There were no injuries reported in any of the events this morning.

Bearss has seven prior arrests in Kootenai County for possession of drugs, false information to Law Enforcement, fugitive from justice, battery, grand theft, eluding, assault/battery on a peace officer and multiple probation violations.

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