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TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: Lt. Brannon Jordan

Date: 02-24-2015

RE: Death Investigation

On 02-23-2015 at about 1547 hours, the Latah County Emergency Dispatch Center received a report of an unresponsive man on the side of the road on Fourth Street, in Juliaetta. Sheriff's Deputies, along with EMS and Fire personnel from the Kendrick Fire Department responded to the scene.

It was determined by emergency personnel at the scene that the man, identified as Steven A. Zimmerman, 47 years of age, was deceased. The investigation determined that Zimmerman lived in Elk City Idaho, but had been staying with family on Water Street, in Juliaetta.

Zimmerman was last seen leaving a local bar on Main Street at about 0015 hours, on 02-23-2015. He was walking about two blocks to the residence on Water Street.

Our investigation is still ongoing, but indicates that Zimmerman was walking east on Fourth Street. As he was crossing the alley between Main and Water Streets he fell and struck his head. This area of Fourth Street is on a steep downgrade and Zimmerman appeared to have fallen face down onto a metal sewer drainage grate. Zimmerman got up and was able to walk to the east edge of the alleyway, where he fell again. Zimmerman landed in a three foot deep drainage ditch, where he was discovered by a high school student walking home after school.

The Latah County Coroner is also investigating and has scheduled an autopsy to determine the exact cause of Zimmerman's death.