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## Media/Press Release

**7 April 2005**

**To: All media/Press Outlets**

**From: Detective Jennifer L. McFarland**

**Public Information Officer**

**CC: Sheriff Rausch**

**Re: Explosives Safely Destroyed**

On 7 April 2005, the Spokane City/County Explosives Disposal Unit aided the Latah County Sheriff's Office in safely destroying approximately 1,000 blasting caps found on a Deary man's property.

On 3 April 2005, Corporal Scott Mikolajczyk took a call from a Deary man who wanted help in destroying approximately 1,000 old blasting caps he had stored on his property off of Highway 3 near Deary, Idaho. Cpl. Mikolajczyk and Sergeant Brannon Jordan called the Spokane City/County Explosives Disposal Unit commanded by Sergeant Brad Arleth to safely dispose of the explosives.

In accordance with proper protocol, the Latah County Sheriff's Office also called on the aide of HazMat crews and ambulance and fire personnel from Deary Ambulance and Fire, and MedStar.

The explosives were safely detonated by about 13:15.

The Latah County Sheriff's Office reminds citizens who think they have found explosives in old outbuildings on their property not to touch them and to call the Sheriff's Office immediately for help in their proper and safe disposal. Do not attempt to detonate explosives yourself and do not transport the explosives to an alternate location. Call the Sheriff's Office immediately.

We extend our gratitude to all the agencies that helped us today. This is the sort of cooperation and team effort that Latah County residents should expect from Latah County law enforcement.

