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## Media Release

**To: All Media outlets**  
**From: Det. Jennifer L. McFarland**  
**Public Information Officer**  
**CC: Sheriff Rausch**  
**Date: 2 September 2005**  
**RE: Kilo' First Day at School**

The halls were empty at Potlatch Junior/Senior High School as Kilo, one of Latah County's two drug dogs, sniffed his way across rows of lockers searching for illegal drugs. Today was Kilo's first day at school with his handler Deputy Ryan Sillers. Dep. Sillers and Kilo worked all of the lockers on both sides of the Potlatch School which houses both Junior and Senior High School students. In between rows of lockers, Dep. Sillers explained Kilo's training to Principal Gordon Steinbis. Akin to fall training for football players, Kilo's first day at school was an exciting and exhausting exercise. While going down rows of lockers, Kilo had to take breaks and *cleanse his palate* at the drinking fountain from time to time. Gratefully, Kilo did not find any illegal drugs in student lockers.

Potlatch School earned the privilege of being able to use the County's drug dogs after showing Latah County Deputies unprecedented cooperation in investigations and in being able to show a presence at the school during school events. Sheriff Rausch extended the offer to Potlatch Jr./Sr. High School at the end of last school year after recognizing that Principal Steinbis and his staff had been traditionally and actively engaged in trying to help the Sheriff's Office solve juvenile cases either originating at the school or involving students attending Potlatch. Other schools in Latah county contract with a private agency for locker and car inspections with a drug dog

The Latah County Sheriff's Office hopes that in extending this privilege to Potlatch, other schools will be inspired to become actively involved in helping the Sheriff's Office work to solve and, ultimately, reduce juvenile crime in the County.

Potlatch will also be given a citation for appreciation for their efforts in helping the Latah County Sheriff's Office *bark out* our drug problem.

*Pictures are available via email upon request. Please call the Sheriff's Office (208-882-2216) or email [jmcfarland@latah.id.us](mailto:jmcfarland@latah.id.us) to request photos.*