



LATAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Media Release

To: All Media/Press Outlets
From: Jennifer L. McFarland
Public Information Officer
Date: 11/21/05
RE: Tactical Team Callout

Last night (11/20/2005) at about 19:00, the Latah County Sheriff's Office received a call from a woman in Bovill alleging that her husband was making suicide threats. The woman left the residence, returning a short time later to retrieve her four children and take them with her to a safe location. Based on initial information that the man had pointed a gun at himself while making the threats, the Tactical Response Team responded to the area of the Bovill home. A Team negotiator spoke with the woman who told him that her husband had consumed a large quantity of beer and had threatened to kill himself. He further stated that if she were to initiate law enforcement action, he would either kill himself or force officers to kill him. The woman also told the negotiator that she believed it was likely her husband was currently "passed out." At that point, deputies, with the confirmation of Sheriff Wayne Rausch, decided not to attempt entry into the house and risk aggravating or escalating the hostility of the man. The woman and her children remain in a safe location, and deputies will respond (upon her request) to help her remove belongings from the house at a later time.