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Media Release

To: All Media/Press Outlets
From: Jennifer L. McFarland
Public Information Officer
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RE: Tip Line

Your Latah County Sheriff's Office and Moscow Police Department are pleased to announce the creation of a jointly operated *Drug Tip Program*. The program has been funded and will be maintained by privately donated funds.

The *Drug Tip Program* (DTP) will operate under a board of directors comprised of members from both law enforcement agencies and will be coordinated by the Moscow Police Department Detective Sergeant. The City of Moscow will be responsible for collecting and keeping track of donations to the DTP.

If a citizen has information about drug crimes or criminal activity related to illegal drugs, he or she should call the line at (208) 892-3898. Callers who provide information that leads to an arrest, will be eligible for individual money awards (each not to exceed \$1,000).

Both Chief Dan Weaver and Sheriff Wayne Rausch have been vocal in their commitment to work together and to eradicate the drug problems in our communities. The DTP Tip Line represents a wedding of those commitments.

Due to a generous initial donation, the DTP Tip Line has some money in its coffers but in order to keep the Tip Line working, any donations are welcome and needed. To make a donation to the DTP Tip Line, contact the Moscow Police Department, Assistant Chief David Duke, at (208) 883-7054.

If you have questions regarding this press release or if you would like to view a copy of the DTP "Operation Procedure" document, please contact me, Jennifer McFarland, at the Latah County Sheriff's Office. My direct line is (208) 892-5664, or I may be reached via email at jmcfarland@latah.id.us.

If you are interested in speaking with Sheriff Rausch and Chief Weaver regarding the DTP, please contact me and I will arrange an appointment.