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Media Release

To: All Media Outlets
From: Det. Jennifer McFarland
Date: October 17, 2006
RE: Felony Burglary and Vehicle Theft Charges

On 10/10/2006, Nathaniel E. Simmons, a 27 year-old Troy man, was charged with one count of felony Grand Theft and one misdemeanor charge of Eluding. On 10/11/2006, Simmons was additionally charged with two counts of felony Burglary and two counts of felony Grand Theft.

According to the affidavits, Simmons admitted to stealing a vehicle from a residence on American Ridge Road on 9/16/2006, driving it to Troy, then, upon seeing a Sheriff's car attempting to make contact with him, eluding the officer. Simmons said he had "dumped" another vehicle that he had stolen near the residence on American Ridge Road. Simmons also admitted to breaking into Troy Motors on 10/6/2006, and taking a Honda Goldwing motorcycle. Simmons said he crashed the motorcycle outside of Troy and returned to Troy Motors and stole a Chevy Impala that he'd seen when he took the motorcycle. Simmons said he drove the Impala to the Clearwater River Casino, "dumped" it, and picked up another vehicle which he later abandoned at the Lewiston airport.

Simmons was served these charges at the Latah County jail while incarcerated on Moscow Police Department charges holding a \$5,000 bond. Simmons was given a \$15,000 bond on the Grand Theft and Eluding charges stemming from the 9/16/2006 incidents and was released on his own recognizance on the four other Latah County felony charges. His combined bond between the Latah County cases and the Moscow PD cases is \$20,000. As of the time of this release, Simmons remains in custody.

Grand Theft, Idaho Code 18-2407(b)(1), a Felony carrying up to \$5,000 and/or 14 years (for each count).

Burglary, Idaho Code 18-1401, a Felony carrying up to 10 years (for each count).

Eluding, Idaho Code 49-1404(1), a Misdemeanor carrying a possible license suspension.