



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

LATAH COUNTY, IDAHO

P.O. Box 8068  
Moscow, Idaho 83843  
(208) 882-2216  
FAX (208) 883-2281

**Wayne Rausch**

Sheriff



**Brian Strampher**  
Chief Deputy

**Rhonda Bunney**  
Support Services

**James Loyd**  
Jail Commander

## Media Release

TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: Lt. Brannon Jordan

DATE: 01-22-2010

RE: Shots fired, Highway 8, Helmer, Latah County, Idaho

On 01-22-2010, at 1257 hours, Latah County Sheriff's Dispatch received reports of passing vehicles being struck by gunfire. This was reported to be in the area of Highway 8 and Forks Road, just east of Helmer, Idaho.

Deputies from the Latah County Sheriff's Office and the Idaho State Police responded to the scene. A perimeter was established around the area. Highway 8 was closed for about one hour, from about milepost 29 to milepost 34. Deputies and Troopers searched the area, suspects were not found in the vicinity.

The location where the shots were fired was located and two male juvenile suspects were identified and have been taken into custody. Both have been charged with Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm at a Vehicle, Idaho Code 18-3317, a felony. Initial investigation indicates several vehicles were struck and damaged. No injuries have been reported from this incident.

The incident is still under investigation. The area of Helmer and Forks Road are secure and the Sheriff's Office has determined there should be no further threat from this incident at this time.