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TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: Lt. Brannon Jordan

Date: 11-018-2011

RE: Weather Related Death

On 11-18-2011 at 0728 hours, the Latah County Sheriff's Dispatch Center received a call from a female reporting a possibly deceased male in the roadway near the intersection of Lenville road and Genesee-Juliaetta road.

Sheriff's Deputies along with Genesee Ambulance and Moscow Ambulance were dispatched to the scene. Deputies located Lee Fredrick Roberts, 34 YOA, on the roadway, unconscious, on Lenville road near Miller road. Roberts was transported to Gritman Medical Center by Moscow Ambulance. The female, Dawn Ann Marie Moore, 30 YOA, was transported to Gritman Medical Center by the Genesee Ambulance. She was treated and released.

Moore reported that she and Roberts were riding in a vehicle northbound on Miller road. Roberts was driving the vehicle, a 1990 Mazda pickup truck, when it slid off the roadway and got stuck at about midnight. Roberts and Moore attempted to get the vehicle unstuck, but could not. At about 0230 hours, Roberts left the vehicle on foot to get help. Moore remained with the vehicle. At about 0630 hours, Moore left the vehicle on foot to search for Roberts, who had not returned. Moore located Roberts face down in the middle of Lenville road, about one half mile from the vehicle. After moving Roberts to the side of the roadway Moore began walking in search of help. She was picked up by a passing motorist.

Roberts was pronounced dead at Gritman Medical Center at 1040 hours. The cause of death appears to be hypothermia.