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TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: Lt. Brannon Jordan

Date: 12-21-2012

RE: Vehicle Pursuit / Arrest

On 12-21-2012 at about 0016 hours, the Latah County Sheriff's Dispatch Center received a report from Benewah County Sheriff's Office of a vehicle pursuit in progress. The pursuit began in Plummer when a Plummer Police Officer attempted to stop a white 1997 Chevy pickup truck for speeding and possible DUI. The driver of the pickup was later identified as Richard T. Miller, 34 Y.O.A., from Harvard. Miller failed to stop for the Police Officer and headed South on Highway 95. The Police Officer lost sight of Miller's vehicle in the Tensed area and discontinued the pursuit. It was reported that Miller was suicidal and had firearms in the vehicle.

At about 0237 hours, Miller's vehicle was located and stopped on Highway 95, Mile Post 374, by a Cd'A Tribal Officer. The Officer ordered Miller out of the vehicle at gunpoint. Miller failed to comply, and again sped away in his vehicle headed South on Highway 95 with the Cd'A Tribal Officer in pursuit.

Two Latah County Deputies joined the pursuit at about Mile Post 366 and a third Deputy joined at about Mile Post 364. Miller continued south failing to stop. Miller attempted to turn East off of Highway 95 onto State Highway 6, toward Potlatch. Miller lost control of his vehicle and slid off the road. The vehicle rolled over and came to rest on its top. Potlatch Fire and Ambulance units responded. Miller was extricated from the vehicle and transported to Gritman Medical Center in Moscow. Emergency personnel at the scene removed two rifles from Miller's vehicle and secured them. Miller was released from the hospital at about 0519 hours and arrested by Sheriff's Deputies for Felony Eluding and Possession of Paraphernalia. Charges for DUI are pending. The vehicle crash is being investigated by the Idaho State Police.