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## KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE  
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On March 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 at approximately 1242 hours, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department received information from Tulare County Sheriff's Department in California regarding a possible kidnap victim who was in the Kootenai County area. Tulare County SD said they were actively "pinging" a cell phone belonging to the victim, Shannon Crose (06-09-73), and believed her location to be near 4304 Bourbon Street in CdA Idaho. They listed Michael H. Luhdorff (06-16-62) as the suspect in the kidnapping that took place over 30 days earlier. Luhdorff was reported to have been the suspect in previous kidnappings in California with an extensive history for narcotics and theft violations.

At approximately 1400 hours Officers from the Coeur D'Alene Police Department and Deputies from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department located Crose and Luhdorff in front of the Bourbon Street address. Luhdorff was subsequently arrested for Second Degree Kidnapping.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department and Tulare County Sheriff's Department are still investigating the incident. Tulare County SD indicated they should have an arrest warrant for Luhdorff by Monday.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

By: Sgt. Shawn M. Eixenberger