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## KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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### **MEDIA RELEASE** **August 15, 2009**

On August 15, 2009 at approximately 0800 hours, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department recovered the body of Robert J. Meadows, 49 of Post Falls from Lake Coeur d'Alene. Mr. Meadows went missing into the lake on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and was presumed drowned.

Search efforts over the past several weeks included the utilization of the Sheriff Department's Side Scan Sonar, a Side Scan Sonar from Gene & Sandy Ralston of Kuna, ID, as well as a cadaver dog provided by Deb Tirmenstein of Frenchtown, MT.

Through the continued and extensive search efforts, the body was located a few hundred yards due west of Arrow Point in approximately 137 feet of water. There were no outward signs of foul play and the body will be sent to Holy Family Hospital for a forensic autopsy.

Due to the depths in which the body was located in, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department enlisted the aid of a submersible Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV), owned by Gene & Sandy Ralston to bring the body closer to the surface so divers could make a safe recovery.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing and further information will be released as it becomes available.

Rocky Watson

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