

**KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
MEDIA RELEASE**

**October 12, 2007**

**Athol area shooting incident – no persons injured.**

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department is investigating a shooting incident which occurred in the Athol area late last night. Around 10:10 pm, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a residence in the area of Lewellen Creek Road after receiving a report of shots being fired into a vehicle.

Deputies located the vehicle near Shadow Lane and Lewellen Creek Road and found multiple bullet holes fired into the car, one of which shattered the rear window. Deputies also found blood spattered throughout the interior of the vehicle.

The owner of the vehicle, George Bomar Jr., of Athol, reported his vehicle had been stolen. Bomar also reported that his dogs had been in the car initially, but could not be located at the time of the report.

Investigation revealed a series of events which had taken place during the evening, which included consumption of alcohol between friends and new acquaintances at a variety of locations. Those involved in the events were identified and interviewed.

Ultimately, Steve Callaway was identified as the man who took Bomar's vehicle. After Callaway allegedly took Bomar's vehicle, Callaway drove to a friend's home on Shadow Lane. Callaway's friend, Darrell Montee, heard the vehicle approach his property and did not recognize the car. Montee, who claims to have had his house burglarized in the past, yelled for the driver to leave the property. After there was no response from the vehicle, Montee fired several shots at the car to scare off any would be thieves.

After locating his car, Bomar confronted Callaway at Montee's residence concerning the condition of his vehicle and location of his two dogs. At that time, Callaway is alleged to have brandished a weapon. Bomar left the house and reported the incident to law enforcement.

Deputies later found Callaway hiding in Montee's shop, uninjured and armed with a loaded handgun.

Callaway was arrested and charged with Grand Theft and Aggravated Assault. Callaway will have a video-arraignment on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 2pm. His photograph can be located on the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department's website at [www.kcsheriff.com](http://www.kcsheriff.com)

Later this morning, Detectives learned Mr. Bomar's dogs had returned home. One dog was injured from the gunfire. The extent of those injuries is unknown, but both dogs are alive.

Investigation is continuing into the possibility of charges against Montee.



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