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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Accidental Shooting

Chilco area – At approximately 7 a.m. this morning, James R. Hulse (21) of Bayview, sustained a gunshot wound to his left foot when the rifle he was loading went off. James was preparing to hunt in the Chilco area with two friends, Ryan Bourgeois (23) and Alison Currie (20). The gunshot occurred while all three were seated in the front seat of Bourgeois' truck. The bullet went through the floor of the truck after going through James' left foot. James was transported to the Northern Lakes Fire Station in Rathdrum and then to Kootenai Medical Center by ambulance. His injuries were not life threatening.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department would like to remind hunters to use good gun safety at all times to ensure an enjoyable hunting season. Know your target, know your backdrop, and know your gun.

Rocky Watson
Sheriff

By Sgt. Lisa Carrington
Patrol