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## KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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### Media Release

**On 12-06-08 at approximately 5:50 PM Deputies from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department Recreation Safety Section and members of the Kootenai County Search and Rescue responded to the area of Forest Service Rd. 794 and Forest Service Rd 425 for a abandoned vehicle. An ATV rider reported he'd located an abandoned vehicle on an ATV trail near the top of Colt Mountain.**

**Further investigation revealed the vehicle was registered to James H. Warner, an 83 year old male subject from Spokane who was reported as missing since mid November.**

**Sheriff Deputies and volunteer Search and Rescue members searched through the night. The search continued today, concentrating in the area around the vehicle and along the trail the vehicle had driven. At approx. 3:15 PM on 12-07-08 a male subject was located deceased near the ATV Trail.**

**Preliminary investigation shows Warner's vehicle became disabled and he attempted to walk out. There were no signs of foul play, and the investigation is on-going.**

**Sheriff Rocky Watson  
By Deputy Ryan Higgins  
Case # 08-30800**