

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

**December 21, 2007**

**Athol City Hall Burglary**

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department is investigating the burglary and damage to the Athol City Hall at 30355 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Athol. The suspect(s) forced entry into the building sometime between 5:30pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 7:00am on the 20<sup>th</sup>. While inside the building, the suspect(s) tore open multiple gifts that were being stored for needy families. The suspects also took several hundred dollars worth of Fred Meyer gift cards. It is not known at this time exactly how many of the wrapped gifts are missing. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department at 208-446-1300.

Sheriff Rocky Watson  
By Sergeant Lisa Carrington