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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department's Traffic Unit has completed an initial investigation of the vehicle crash which occurred March 23, 2010 at the intersection of Orchard Ave. and Government Way in Hayden, Idaho.

Preliminary investigation based on witness statements, revealed that a 1997 Chevy Suburban operated by Timothy J. Toboyko age 31 of Hayden Idaho, was traveling westbound on Orchard Ave. east of Government Way. Toboyko stopped at the stop sign and then proceeded across the intersection. Toboyko crossed into the eastbound lane, struck a stop sign on the southwest corner, and then struck two guide wires attached to a power pole located on the south side of Orchard Ave. The vehicle undercarriage became entangled on one of the guide wires which caused the vehicle to be partially suspended facing upward at approximately a 45 degree angle.

Kootenai County Deputies arrived on scene with Northern Lakes Fire and Medical. Kootenai County Deputies and Northern Lakes Fire were able to assist Toboyko from the vehicle and he was transported to Kootenai Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

Avista Utilities arrived on scene and turned off the power to the area so the vehicle could be removed safely. Power to the area was affected for approximately ½ hour.

Merwin's towing responded to the scene with two tow trucks and were able to free the vehicle from the guide wires without further damage to the power pole.

It is still unclear at this time as to the exact cause as to why Toboyko's vehicle crossed over the lanes of travel and struck the stop sign and guide wires. Further investigation will continue. It appears that alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Sheriff Rocky Watson

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