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## **KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**MARCH 31, 2008 / 8:55 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department is investigating what appears to be a homicide and attempted suicide.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., The Sheriff's Department was notified that an adult son had gone to his parents' home in the area of Gunning Road and Altamont Road where he was met by his father. The father allegedly told the son that he had just killed his mother. The son found his mother inside the residence and stated that she appeared to be deceased. The son called another family member, who called the Kootenai County 9-1-1 Center.

When deputies arrived, they began searching the area for the father. They checked the residence where the son had found his mother but did not locate anyone there. The deputies, assisted by officers from the Rathdrum Police Department and the Idaho State Police began to systematically check the surrounding area. Once they entered a nearby office for a housing development, the suspect, who was hiding inside, shot himself with a handgun. A short time later, deputies found the woman, west of the office, deceased. The male was transported to Kootenai Medical Center for a gunshot wound to the head.

Investigators from the Sheriff's Department will spend the next couple of days processing the various scenes involved in this incident. The family has a history of domestic violence in Kootenai County. Names of those involved and specifics about their history will be released on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> after all family members have been notified. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

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