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## KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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**KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
AND  
COEUR D'ALENE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MEDIA RELEASE  
01-29-11 / 11:00 a.m.**

Law enforcement officials are investigating a possible improvised explosive device found at the southwest corner of the Sheriff's Office campus at 5500 N. Government Way.

About 9:15 this morning, Sheriff's Labor Program personnel were performing early spring clean up around the Sheriff's Office campus when one of the participants found the device partially protruding out of a drain pipe that drains a grassy swale into a drywell area. The device is described as a wireless phone attached to a red stick that may be an explosive.

Coeur d'Alene Police are leading the investigation and are currently in contact with the Spokane City/County Bomb Squad.

In light of recent events in Spokane, all precautions are being taken with this device. Government Way is currently closed to all traffic between Kathleen Avenue and Dalton Avenue.

More information will be released when it becomes available.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff  
Wayne Longo, Chief of Police

By: Major Ben Wolfinger

**UPDATE  
2:05 p.m.**

The Spokane City/County Bomb Squad used their robot to dismantle the device and were able to identify it as a hoax explosive device. The device was a road flare with a battery pushed into one end and a cell phone attached to the flare. Placing of a hoax explosive device is a felony crime in Idaho. The Coeur d'Alene Police Department will be conducting the follow-up investigation into this incident. Future media information will come from them.

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