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## Media Release

To: All Media Outlets  
From: Det. Jennifer L. McFarland  
Public Information Officer  
Date: December 28, 2006  
RE: Felony Eluding Results in Crash

One man was arrested for Felony Eluding and DUI after leading a Latah County Sheriff's Deputy on a high speed chase that resulted in a crash and a foot pursuit on rural roads at 02:10 this morning (12/28/2006).

Deputy Richard Skiles was patrolling Highway 95 at milepost 363 (near Potlatch) when a vehicle sped by him at 98 mph heading north passing both he and another northbound vehicle. Dep. Skiles activated his overhead lights and siren but the vehicle continued at a high rate of speed and turned onto Brinken Road. The Subaru failed to negotiate the turn and slid sideways, crashing into a ditch causing damage to the vehicle upon impact. The driver continued to drive out of the ditch and across Deep Creek Road and into a farmer's field—still at a high rate of speed. The driver re-entered Deep Creek Road and drove onto Cora Road then onto Woody Grade at speeds topping 70 mph. When the driver attempted to travel on Evergreen Road, he became high-centered. The driver and two passengers exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

Dep. Skiles caught up to a 21 year-old female occupant about 300 yards from the car face-down in the snow. She said she was tired of running and agreed to return to the vehicles. About 50 yards from there, the driver, 21 year-old Potlatch man Deakin L. Ireland, surrendered to Dep. Skiles after initially not complying with Dep. Skiles' requests to come and speak with him about the event. A 51 year-old male occupant, and the vehicle owner, was also located.

Deakin L. Ireland was arrested for Felony Eluding (Idaho Code 49-1404, a Felony with discretionary sentencing) and for DUI (Idaho Code 18-8004, a misdemeanor carrying up to 6 months, \$1,000, and a license suspension). As of the date of this release, Ireland has not been to court to have bond set on the felony. The DUI bond is set at \$500.

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