

# ISP FORENSIC SERVICES

## 2018 IMPACT REPORT

This publication is intended to convey the importance and impact of the Idaho State Police Forensic Services Laboratories on the criminal justice system in Idaho. All the cases highlighted in this newsletter are cases where ISPFs played a critical role by performing forensic analysis used in the criminal proceedings. Some analysis performed helped to convict individuals. Other forensic findings helped lead to exonerations. While the cases highlighted here were all published in major news media outlets, the majority of the cases worked on a daily basis are not published or publicized. In fiscal year 2018 alone the labs worked over 14,000 cases in support of local and state criminal justice agencies. Timely forensic science analysis is vital to the success of the Idaho judicial system. Support from Idaho policymakers has been essential in the successes of the state laboratory system. The lab system employees will continue to work for Idaho citizens and other criminal justice stakeholders. Many new and ongoing forensic science initiatives will keep our Idaho lab system leading the country with innovative ideas. We expect fiscal year 2019 to be a very productive year!



**“Great Outdoors Bandit” Sentenced for Bank Robbery Josue Daniel Alfaro to serve 63 months in prison**



BOISE – Josue Daniel Alfaro, a/k/a Danny Alfaro, a/k/a the “Great Outdoors Bandit,” age 32, of Portland, Oregon, was sentenced today in United States District Court to 63 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for the crimes of bank robbery and attempted bank robbery. Chief United States District Judge B. Lynn Winmill also ordered Alfaro to pay \$31,216 in restitution to the six victim banks and to forfeit \$28,930 in unrecovered cash proceeds and \$2,826 in recovered cash proceeds. Previously, on December 20, 2017, Alfaro pleaded guilty to Counts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 of the indictment.

According to the plea agreement, Alfaro admitted to robbing and attempting to rob, the following banks on the following dates and in the following amounts:

- On December 21, 2016, the U.S. Bank at 10500 West Overland Road in Boise, Idaho for \$3,174;
- On December 21, 2016, the Idaho Central Credit Union at 1615 South Celebration Avenue in Meridian, Idaho for \$2,100;
- On March 24, 2017, the Bank of the West at 9140 West Emerald Street in Boise, Idaho for \$3,469;
- On May 24, 2017, the Alpine Credit Union at 351 East 800 South in Orem, Utah for \$12,736;
- On August 7, 2017, the Bank of the West at 9140 West Emerald Street in Boise, Idaho. Attempted robbery, no loss;
- On August 7, 2017, the Pioneer Federal Credit Union at 850 East Fairview Avenue in Meridian, Idaho for \$9,637;
- On August 7, 2017, the Clarity Federal Credit Union at 555 South Meridian Road in Meridian, Idaho for \$100.

In total, Alfaro robbed \$31,216 from the six banks and credit unions, whose deposits were federally insured.

He was sentenced in March 2018. ISP forensic services performed latent print analysis to assist in this case.

Idaho State Journal & KTVB

## Prison time for Boise mother whose daughter died in car fire



April 2018

Miller was homeless and sleeping in her car in the 8300 block of West Overland Road with her children, using a portable stove to keep warm. Investigators believe the stove caught fire as they slept. They also later found evidence of methamphetamine in her son's system — perhaps, Hoagland mused, from secondhand smoke as Miller smoked it.

The propane tank exploded as Jennifer Miller, 31, struggled to unbuckle her 4-year-old daughter's seat belt and pull her from the burning car the night of April 10 in a Boise parking lot.

The force of that explosion threw Miller back as it engulfed the car. She'd made a narrow escape with her own life and that of her 2-year-old son, but she didn't get to her daughter in time.

Alliee Rose died in the blaze.

She initially faced five felonies, but pleaded guilty to two counts of injury to a child in September. Hoagland sentenced Miller to a possible 20 years in prison, although only five years of that time is set — meaning she will be eligible for parole after that.

She also had a relationship with Nicolas Rose, 26, a fellow drug user. The two often bought and did drugs together and were later evicted from the home they shared together. It was Rose who stole the portable stove to heat the car, and it was Rose who told Miller that night he had gone looking for a hotel room for the family to stay in. He lied to her though, Rose simply wanted a night to himself and left Miller with the children in the parking lot. He later took a plea deal and is serving a rider term.

ISP Forensic Scientists performed blood alcohol and toxicology analyses in this case.

KTVB

Idaho Press

# DRUGS

## The Idaho State Police arrested four people for trafficking meth and other drugs.

August 18, 2018

Victor Alfonso Carranza-Martinez, 29, Francisco Jesus Rodriguez-Martinez, 21, and Jose Rodriguez-Martinez, 20, were arrested after a search warrant was conducted at their residence.

The three had 3.5 pounds of methamphetamine at the residence. Police also found 103.7 grams (3.68 ounces) of cocaine and 345.1 grams (12.32 ounces) of marijuana. Idaho State Police were assisted by the Idaho Falls Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration and Department of Homeland Security.

A separate search was conducted earlier at a fourth home belonging to 57-year-old Darren Fullmer.

Police found 1.6 pounds of meth in Fullmer's home

Two other men, Ryan Stevens and Manuel Larios, were arrested Aug. 3 and Aug. 4, respectively, with amounts of meth similar to that found in Fullmer's residence.

The six defendants combined had just under 9 pounds of meth between them.

Controlled Substance testing completed by ISP Forensics

Darren Fullmer



Victor Alfonso Carranza-Martinez



## Police seize 5 pounds of meth and other drugs in house arrest

November 2018 KTVB

BOISE - Police say they seized almost five pounds of methamphetamine and other drugs during a search of a West Boise home last week.

According to investigators the bust also included some LSD, DMT and marijuana. A man, identified as 49-year-old Eric Ochsner of Boise, was taken into custody on felony trafficking charges.

To put things into perspective, most people arrested in possession of meth have sugar packet sized amounts," BPD said in a Facebook post. "So by comparison, this was a very large amount of meth located which led to felony trafficking charges." ISP Forensic Scientists in controlled substances analyzed these drugs.



# Sexual Assault

## Man, 26, to serve 300 days for rape of 16-year-old

An Idaho Falls man was sentenced to 10 years of probation Monday for the rape of a 16-year-old girl. Dakota Sequoyah Bowman, 26, will have to serve 300 days in jail before he is released.

In addition to probation and jail time, Bowman will be required to register as a sex offender and undergo sex offender treatment. If Bowman violates the terms of probation, he may have to serve his underlying sentence of 2 to 15 years in prison. Watkins also stated Bowman would be required to write a letter recognizing what he has done and submit it to his probation officer.

Idaho State Police Forensics completed Biology screening for this case.

Post Register



## Caldwell man sentenced for sexual assault

Harlan Kautz must serve at least six years in prison before he is eligible for parole.

July 2018 KTVB

A Caldwell man who assaulted a woman in her bed will serve at least six years in prison. Harlan Kautz, 40, plead guilty back in February to assault with intent to commit a serious felony. He was arrested on Jan. 6 after a 23-year-old woman told police that she woke up to find Kautz in her bed, touching her in a sexual manner, which she never consented to. The victim and her roommates were drinking and eating pizza with Kautz the night before.

Kautz has prior felony convictions, including one for domestic violence in 2016. He was out on parole for less than two months before being arrested for the sexual assault. He was sentenced a total of 15 years in prison, with the possibility of parole after the first six. Alcohol, Toxicology and Biology Screening were completed by ISP Forensics.

## Nampa man convicted in Boise nightclub stabbing

April 2018

Jesus Manuel Garcia got into an altercation with two men, pulled out a pocket knife and stabbed them repeatedly.

Daviel Ruiz-Gomez, 21, later died at the hospital from his injuries. The other victim was stabbed in the torso but survived.

Prosecutors say Garcia has a long rap sheet, including prior arrests for violent crimes. He had been arrested in Canyon County for felony possession of a controlled substance just three weeks before the stabbing but was out on bond.

Garcia admitted to officers that he had used meth before the stabbing, and had some of the drug in his pocket. He was high on drugs, carrying a knife and bragging about how tough he was.

Garcia was handed a 25 to life in prison sentencing in July.

Controlled substance and biology screening were done by ISP Forensics.

Idaho Press



## Idaho Falls man sentenced to 20 years for killing friend

March 2018

Justin Sarbaum shot and killed Tyson Tew in January 2017 after an argument turned physical.

The Post Register reports 37-year-old Justin Sarbaum was accused of fatally shooting 32-year-old Tyson Tew in January 2017 after argument turned physical. He was charged with second-degree murder, but the charge was later reduced to voluntary manslaughter as part of a plea agreement.

Sarbaum says he acted in self-defense after Tew had punched him multiple times.

Sarbaum's lawyer Curtis Smith filed a motion Tuesday to withdraw the guilty plea, but District Judge Joel Tingey denied it.

Two years of Sarbaum's prison sentence are fixed and 18 are indeterminate.

Sarbaum apologized for what happened at his sentencing on Thursday, but maintaining that the shooting was an act of self-defense. Alcohol, toxicology and biology

20 or more

## Massive OD of Benadryl killed Isenberg

February 2018

Larry Isenberg didn't drown.

The 68-year-old whose body was found in Lake Coeur d'Alene this spring after an outing with his wife, Lori, died from a drug overdose, according to a coroner's report.

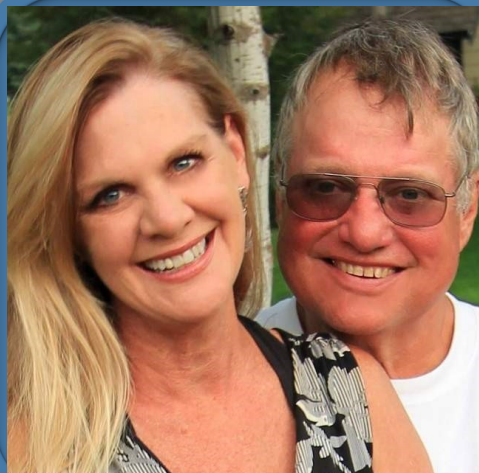
The one-page report obtained from the Kootenai County Coroner's Office states that Isenberg's cause of death was diphenhydramine toxicity, which means he died from an overdose of Benadryl.

Benadryl is a brand name for diphenhydramine, an antihistamine used to treat allergies. Because it causes drowsiness, it is also used as a sleep aid. Normal dosages are between 100 and 1,000 nanograms. The level reported in Isenberg was a lethal 7,100 nanograms, according to a search warrant issued in Spokane County.

Isenberg was last seen by his wife, Laurcene "Lori" Isenberg, 64, on a boat outing Feb. 13 on Lake Coeur d'Alene the day the Coeur d'Alene Press reported that she was under investigation for embezzling money from a local nonprofit. She was later charged with stealing more than a half million dollars. Isenberg told authorities her husband fell from the couple's boat into the lake at Powderhorn Bay north of Harrison.

Biology and Controlled Substance testing was done on this case.

Spokesman & CDA Press



## Glenn Tures must serve 35 years before he is eligible for parole.

A Twin Falls man who strangled a 20-year-old Twin Falls woman has been sentenced to life in prison.

Forty-six-year-old Glenn Tures received the sentence Friday in 5th District Court and must serve 35 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Police say that Tures on August 2016 entered the Twin Falls Police Department on his own volition and confessed to the strangling death of 20-year-old Anessia Shaye Winterholer a few days earlier.

In December 2016, a judge ruled Tures wasn't competent to stand trial. He was declared competent in April following treatment. In October he plead guilty to first-degree murder as part of a deal that removed the death penalty.

Biology and DNA

KTVB

# Man accused of shooting Bingham County deputy facing many charges



September 2018

Juan Santos-Quintero, 23, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery and aggravated assault on law enforcement after allegedly shooting a Bingham County Sheriff's deputy in Firth. The additional battery and robbery charges were filed in Bonneville County last week.

Santos-Quintero and Denise Lynne Williams, 25, are suspected of robbing two people outside of Panda Express on Sept. 15. Santos-Quintero allegedly punched one of the men multiple times in the face and hit him over the head with a gun before taking \$102 out of his wallet. Williams allegedly grabbed the other man by the arm and took two grocery bags from him.

Santos-Quintero and Williams are also facing charges for a robbery at Common Cents on Broadway on Sept. 20.

Prior to the instances, Santos-Quintero and another unidentified Hispanic male also allegedly stole \$700 worth of property from an Idaho Falls apartment on Sept. 10. He could face up to life in prison if convicted.

Alcohol, toxicology and controlled substance testing were done by ISP Forensic services



Idaho State Journal  
East Idaho News





# DRUGS

## State police make record-breaking heroin bust near Pocatello

According to Idaho State Police, Miles A. Prescott, 27, and Daniel A.J. Shinney, 28, have each been charged with felony drug trafficking in heroin.

Authorities said the suspects were in possession of 268.6 grams of heroin and other drug paraphernalia at the time of their arrest.

Police said the bust was one of the largest heroin seizures ever in Southeast Idaho.

The drug bust was the culmination of a heroin trafficking investigation by the Idaho State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration, authorities said.

Controlled substance analysis was performed in the Pocatello forensic lab.

Idaho State Journal



## Twin Falls man sentenced to over 13 years in Federal prison for gun and drug crimes

November 2018 Magic Valley News

BOISE – Fred Zapata Paiz, 29, of Twin Falls, was sentenced last Thursday in U.S. District Court to 162 months in federal prison for the possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and a concurrent sentence of 120 months in prison for unlawfully possessing firearms

According to court records, in July 2017, police were dispatched to a vehicle accident involving injuries in Twin Falls. When police arrived, they found Paiz in one of the vehicles. Police found over eight ounces of methamphetamine nearby. Inside the vehicle, police found a loaded .40 caliber pistol, \$670, and a digital scale. Paiz was prohibited from possessing firearms because of a prior felony conviction for possession of controlled substances. Later, Paiz was arrested on an outstanding warrant for his arrest. During a search of the vehicle, police officers found over six ounces of methamphetamine, a loaded 9mm pistol and \$2,200. Controlled substance, alcohol and toxicology were performed by ISP forensic services.

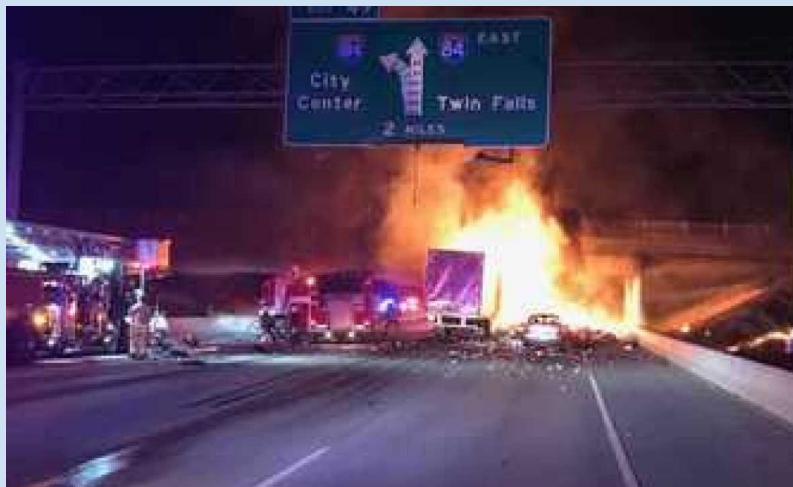
# Federal jury convicts Pocatello man on anabolic steroid charges



POCATELLO — A man from this Southeast Idaho city was convicted on Friday of several charges related to procuring and distributing anabolic steroids, U.S. Attorney Bart M. Davis announced on Tuesday. A federal jury at the U.S. Courthouse in Pocatello found Travis M. Newbold, 47, guilty of conspiracy to import anabolic steroids, importation of anabolic steroids, and possession with intent to distribute anabolic steroids. Newbold was charged by federal indictment in November 2017. Investigators from Homeland Security Investigations, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Pocatello Police Department conducted a controlled delivery of a package on Oct. 25 last year that was destined for Newbold's address, according to evidence presented at trial. After the package was delivered, investigators searched Newbold's home that day pursuant to a search warrant. They found over three pounds of additional anabolic steroid powders, liquid vials of anabolic steroids, recipes for making oral and injectable anabolic steroids and other steroid dispensing paraphernalia. An additional search of Newbold's phone revealed that he was ordering the anabolic steroids from China. He was also helping to ship the packages internationally for a China-based anabolic steroid supplier. The drug evidence seized was analyzed by an ISP Forensic Scientist in the Controlled Substance section. This case was ongoing between 2017-2018

Idaho State Journal

### 3 Mountain Home airmen confirmed dead in Idaho crash



June 20, 2018

[Airforcetimes.com](http://Airforcetimes.com)

The Air Force confirmed three airmen were among the four killed in a vehicle accident in Idaho over the weekend.

Senior Airman Carlos V. Johnson, Senior Airman Lawrence P. Manlapit III and Senior Airman Karlie A. Westall died in a seven-car accident on Interstate 84 in Boise.

The three airmen were stated at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Idaho State Police told KBQI-TV that the crash involved seven vehicles in a construction zone. According to police, a semi-truck and SUV had slowed down when a second commercial truck hit the two vehicles from behind. Four other vehicles were involved.

Idaho State Police Forensics were able to help in this case by performing latent print analysis.





## Nampa nurse sentenced to prison after stealing drugs

Jennifer Talich pleaded guilty to felony possession of a controlled substance.

December 2017

An Idaho nurse who was accused of stealing prescription drugs from residents of the retirement and assisted living home where she worked has been sentenced to more than two years in prison.

The Idaho Press-Tribune reports 32-year-old Jennifer Talich has pleaded guilty to felony possession of a controlled substance. She was sentenced to two years and six months in prison Nov. 20.

A police report says Talich stole hydrocodone pills from residents of Karcher Estates nursing home in Nampa.

According to the document, Talich told investigators she had been stealing hydrocodone from residents for the past six months. Controlled Substance scientists from ISP tested the drugs in this case.

## Man arrested for 13 charges after traffic stop on I84

BOISE, Idaho (CBS2) — On Thursday just before 3 p.m. Idaho State Police arrested a man for 13 charges after pulling him over for a traffic violation on I84.

Idaho State Police identified the man as 28-year-old Lee Smith.

Smith was charged with felony failure to appear, possession of controlled substance, drug trafficking marijuana, assault or battery upon certain personnel, two counts of aggravated assault and assault or battery - remove or attempt to remove firearm from a law enforcement officer. He was also charged with misdemeanor resisting arrest and seizures, false information provided to an officer, possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia use or possession with intent to use, driving without privileges, and failure to provide proof of insurance.

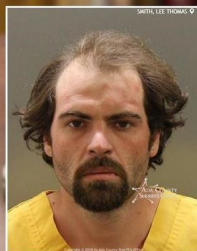
Three troopers were on scene assisting the arrest.

According to Police, Smith ran from the scene when a Trooper caught up and tasered him. The taser wasn't fully effective and Smith actually took the taser from the trooper at one point.

Police say a brawl started and Smith resisted arrest. One trooper received a minor injury during the brawl.

Controlled Substance analysis was performed by an ISP scientist.

Idaho News



# GUNS, DRUGS & THEFT



## Three men arrested at Fort Hall Casino after deputy's vehicle shot in Montana

November 2018 Idaho State Journal East Idaho News

FORT HALL — Three Montana men were arrested in Fort Hall on Wednesday in connection to an incident in which a Montana sheriff's deputy was shot at on Tuesday, according to Idaho State Police.

Kolby David Schmidt, Michael James Holloway are currently incarcerated at the Bingham County Jail in Blackfoot and face a variety of charges.

The chase grew to involve numerous Montana law enforcement officers and a police helicopter but the suspects still evaded capture.

Idaho State Police said they learned that Schmidt, Holloway and Marengo were involved in the chase and shooting and were in the Blackfoot area driving a blue Chrysler 300.

Further investigation led state police to believe the three suspects had switched cars and were driving a grey Nissan Rogue with California license plates.

The Nissan was then located at the Fort Hall Casino on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation on Wednesday and Idaho State Police detectives arrested the three suspects at the casino without incident.

The detectives seized from the suspects' vehicle four firearms, \$13,039 in cash, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine and drug paraphernalia, authorities said. Schmidt, 30, of Helena, was charged with second degree trafficking of heroin and unlawful possession of a firearm, state police said.

Holloway, 36, of Kalispell, was charged with grand theft, possession of a stolen firearm and possession of methamphetamine. Marengo, 29, of Whitefish, was charged with heroin trafficking.

Controlled Substance testing was performed by an ISP scientist.

## Two men caught, charged for drug possession

June 2018 Idaho State Journal

Two men have been arrested and charged with multiple felonies after an Idaho State Police Trooper reportedly found a variety of drugs, including pills shaped like Darth Vader's mask.

The trooper pulled the pair over on U.S. Highway 20 near Idaho Falls on June 23 after the driver made an improper signal while changing lanes. They were identified by their licenses as Deon Townsend, 30, from Montana, and Don Anthon Timberlake, 22, from California. According to a probable cause affidavit by the trooper, he could smell marijuana immediately. The trooper asked the two if they had marijuana, which they denied. The trooper wrote he could see marijuana on Timberlake's shirt. The trooper searched the car and found marijuana, a bag of cocaine weighing 132 grams, a bottle of 135 ecstasy pills shaped like Darth Vader's mask and several packages of psilocybin mushrooms. The mushrooms were separated into 60 bags, and had a combined mass of nearly 10 ounces. A .44 magnum pistol was also found in the car. The gun had been reported stolen in Montana. The trooper recovered \$3,130 in cash in the car, most of which was found in a hidden compartment. Townsend and Timberlake were both charged with drug trafficking in 28 grams or more of cocaine, but less than 200 grams, punishable with a minimum of three years in prison and up to a life sentence, two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture or deliver, punishable with up to five years in prison, and grand theft by possession of stolen property, punishable with up to 14 years in prison. ISP forensic scientists performed latent print comparison and drug analysis on this case.



## Meridian woman gets prison in deadly Fairview crash



Shelly Wilson was sentenced to 15 years in prison for a crash that claimed the life of another driver.

August 2018 KTVB

BOISE -- A Meridian woman was sentenced Monday to 15 years in prison for a crash that claimed the life of another driver. Shelly Wilson, 52, will have to spend at least five years in prison before she will become eligible for parole. In addition, the judge suspended her driver's license for the rest of her life, Prosecutor Katelyn Farley said.

Wilson pleaded guilty last year to felony vehicular manslaughter in the death of 73-year-old Patricia Ann Shannon of Meridian. Prosecutors say Wilson had been huffing compressed gas just before the Sept. 21 crash on Fairview Avenue just east of Eagle Road.

Wilson did not hit her brakes before slamming into the back of Shannon's Buick, fatally wounding the other woman. The impact caused a chain-reaction crash involving two other vehicles.

Alcohol and toxicology analysis performed by ISP forensic services.

## Montana Brothers caught in Fremont County after multiple pursuits

Dec. 2018

Two brothers, Dylan and Daniel Hanson, were arrested in Ashton, ID after police located them by pinging a stolen cellphone. Ashton Police Chief Greg Griffel saw one of the suspects carjacking a Chevy Impala and pursued him, leading to a high-speed chase down US Hwy 20. After the suspect drove into a ditch, he fled on foot but joined his brother in a second stolen vehicle, this time a pickup with a plow. The brothers used the plow to push between Chief Griffel's car and a Fremont CSO vehicle who was assisting. The brothers then crashed into another vehicle and attempted to flee on foot, but gave up due to cold weather and deep snow. The brothers also had warrants issued against them in Montana, and were suspected in an earlier case involving a stolen vehicle from east Pocatello. Aggravated assault, aggravated battery with a stolen vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, grand theft, fleeing and eluding police and possession of marijuana are amongst the charges issued against the brothers.

Controlled substance were analyzed on this case by a ISP forensic scientist.

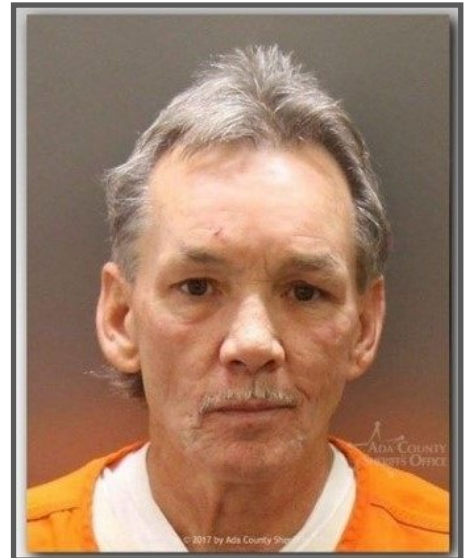
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## DUI

# Boise DUI driver gets prison in crash death of 'beautiful soul'

"People who are impaired and they drive, are playing roulette with their lives and the lives of everyone else", And that's what happened here.



Darrell Jackson, 58, was sentenced to 13 years in prison for felony vehicular manslaughter in the Oct. 1 2017 death of 33-year-old Menite Milien.

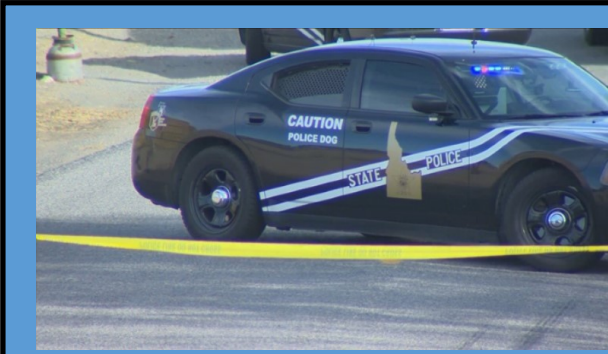
The Boise woman was walking on the sidewalk near Maple Grove Road and Brookview Drive when Jackson's pickup hit her. She was killed instantly.

Investigators say Jackson had mixed the painkiller hydrocodone with Lorazepam, a sedative, before the wreck. After Jackson lost consciousness, his pickup continued into the curb, jutting onto the sidewalk. There was no time for Menite to dodge out of its path. "He was driving on the sidewalk for approximately one second before hitting Menite," "She had no chance."

Alcohol, Toxicology and Biology screening were performed by ISP Forensic Scientists .

Idaho Statesman





## Nampa man killed, multiple injured in crash on Robinson Road

September 2018

NAMPA — Police believe a stop sign violation led to a deadly crash Monday night at Robinson and Airport roads in Nampa.

A 21-year-old from Nampa was killed, and several others were injured, according to Idaho State Police. Police say Tristan Campbell, 21, of Nampa was driving east on Airport Road in a 1992 GMC Sierra when he reportedly failed to stop at the stop sign. Campbell's vehicle struck a 2016 GMC Sierra 3500 towing a camp trailer south on Robinson Road, driven by 42-year-old Nephi Dummar of Nampa, according to police. Campbell's passenger, Ethan Hayes, 21, of Nampa died from his injuries at the scene, according to police. Dummar, Campbell and multiple passengers were taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise by ground ambulance, according to police. ISP assisted in a field service and preformed toxicology on this case.

KTVB

Idaho Press

Idaho Statesman

## Driver accused of killing Fruitland couple waives right to speedy trial

January 2018

A 37-year-old man accused of hitting and killing a newlywed couple while driving his vehicle on U.S Highway 95 has waived his right to a speedy trial, according to the online Idaho repository.

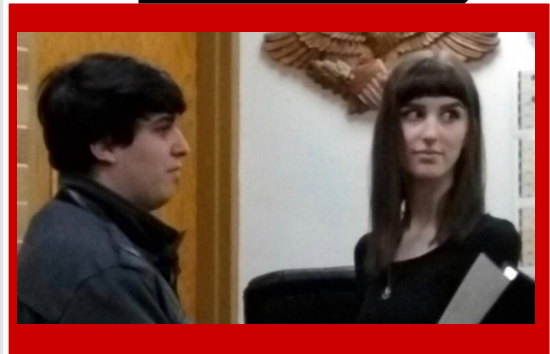
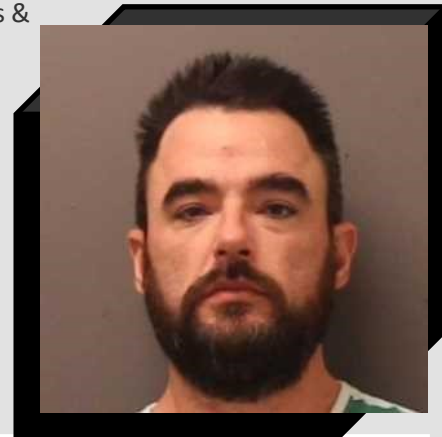
Jason L. Verwer is charged with two counts of second-degree murder in the deaths of Matthew, 22, and Amelia Parkinson, 17. The couple got married in December and were living with a relative in Fruitland while shopping for a house.

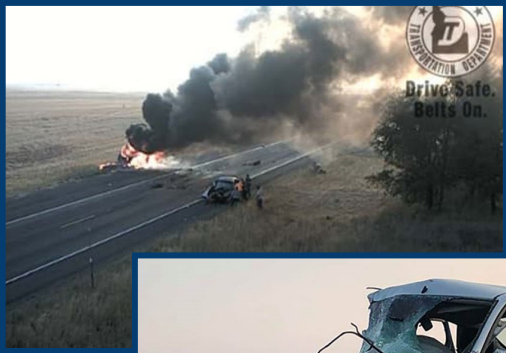
The couple was killed Jan. 24 while walking on the sidewalk along U.S. Highway 95 in Fruitland. The cause of death was declared as traumatic blunt force trauma

Police claim Verwer was driving at a high rate of speed and intentionally drove onto the sidewalk. He was held for a mental health evaluation after his arrest, according to police.

Blood alcohol and toxicology analysis were performed by ISP scientists.

Idaho Press &  
KTVB





## Four people injured after fiery crash on US 26

Aug. 2018 East Idaho News

RIRIE — Four people were injured during a severe two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 26 Thursday evening.

The crash occurred at about 7:20 p.m. at milepost 353, about four miles east of Ririe. Police reports show Lisa Fowler, 49, of Jackson, Wyoming, was traveling eastbound on US 26 when her vehicle drifted over the center line, striking a westbound BMW X3 head-on, according to an Idaho State Police news release.

The BMW, which was driven by Donkguo Zhou, 44, of Richmond, British Columbia, caught fire after the collision, but all occupants were able to exit the vehicle safely. Central Fire District, assisted by the Idaho Falls Fire Department were able to extinguish the blaze.

Two passengers in Zhou's vehicle were transported to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls by air ambulance. Fowler and another of Zhou's passengers were taken to the hospital by ground ambulance. ISP Forensics performed toxicology on this case.

## Vehicular Manslaughter

Brian Trappen is being charged with two counts of felony vehicular manslaughter, two felony counts of aggravated DUI and driving while suspended.

According to court documents, on June 3, Trappen was traveling the wrong way on I-84 west near milepost 169 in Jerome County, allegedly causing a chain of accidents in which two people were killed and 3 were injured.

A toxicology report done by Idaho State Police laboratory on Trappen's blood indicated four different drugs and a blood alcohol content level of 0.073, at the time of the crash.

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## Trucker severely beaten at Fort Hall truck stop

Amos Phillips parked his tractor-trailer in the parking lot of the TP Truck Stop off Interstate 15 in Fort Hall on Sept. 2. After spending a few hours playing blackjack in the nearby casino, Phillips retired to the sleeper cab of his semi. He was awakened by what he described as a large Native American man who broke the door handle off the rig to enter and stood over him demanding money. He told the man he didn't have any and that's when he started throwing hammer punches at his face. Phillips pushed the man out of the truck with his feet, dialed 911 and was transported to the hospital where he received treatment for a broken nose, broken cheek bones and a blood clot on his brain.

Tribal authorities arrested 23-year-old Stormy Adakai of Fort Hall with felony aggravated assault and felony robbery. The attacker used a rock to throw the blows and left behind a bloody baseball cap which was sent to the lab and analyzed by the Idaho State Police forensic labs biology section.

KTVB.com

Idaho State Journal





## **Lewiston man pleads guilty in deaths of ex-wife, daughter, also admitted to stabbing his grandson**

July 2018

Richard Carlin, 73 from norther Idaho has plead guilty in the murder of his ex-wife and his daughter. Carlin also admitted to stabbing his grandson, Jonathon Spaeth, who survived the attack.

Court documents say the Lewiston man stabbed and beat his ex-wife Raetta Carlin and his daughter Michelle Carlin to death last November at a trailer home.

Spaeth told police his grandfather had asked him to help take Raetta Carlin to the hospital because she was sick. When Spaeth got there, he found his mother and his grandmother dead and naked on the floor.

Court documents say Richard Carlin stabbed Spaeth in the back with the steak knife before fleeing to Oregon.

Carlin will be spending the remainder of his life in prison.

ISP performed controlled substance, biology and latent print analysis on this case.

## Boise woman accused of fatal stabbing had been committed in state hospital before, records show

BOISE — The Boise woman accused of an April killing, who is currently undergoing a mental health commitment, had been in a state hospital months before the murder, during which she made homicidal statements, before being found competent and released. Kimberly Swa, 35 as of April, was not present in court Monday afternoon when her defense attorneys and the case's prosecutors gathered for a status update on her case — she is still undergoing a 180-day commitment at a state hospital and undergoing treatment, according to Christian Collins, her defense attorney. That commitment will likely end in February, at which time authorities will decide if Swa is mentally competent to stand trial. Although she has multiple cases open against her stretching back years, the most serious stems from April 12, when police and prosecutors say she

stabbed David Vargas, 64, to death in his home at Boise's Civic Plaza Apartments on Front Street, next to the Ada County Courthouse. She is charged with first-degree murder as a result. The case has stalled as Swa, who was reportedly homeless at the time of the stabbing, undergoes treatment at the state hospital.



# MURDER

## Coroner identifies pair killed in Meridian murder-suicide

July 9, 2018

The two people found dead Thursday inside a Meridian home after what police suspect was a murder-suicide have been identified by the Ada County Coroner's Office.

The bodies of a 46-year-old man, identified on Monday as Daniel Jonathan Cobb, and a 36-year-old woman, identified as Crystal Dena Wilson, were discovered in the master bedroom of a house in the 2200 block of Horse Creek Court, the Meridian Police Department said Friday. Police were responding to a request for a welfare check on a friend who had not come to work.

The coroner's office said Wilson died by a single gunshot wound to the head. Cobb died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Police say initial evidence indicated that Cobb shot Wilson and then turned the gun on himself.

Idaho State Police forensics responded to the scene and assisted.



## **Nampa Man Pleads Guilty to Distribution of Fentanyl and Methamphetamine resulting in Death**

April 2018 Idaho State Journal

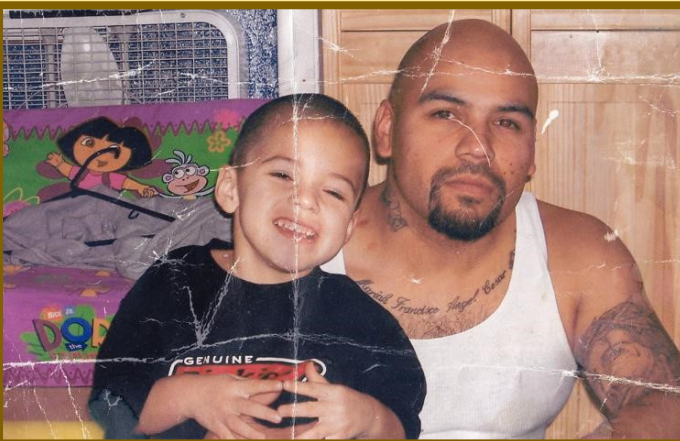
BOISE – Ryan E. Curtis, 44, of Nampa Idaho, pleaded guilty on April 4, 2018, in the United States district court to distribution of fentanyl and methamphetamine resulting in death.

According to court records, on August 13, 2017, Ryan Curtis distributed fentanyl to Dominico “Nick” Stewart in Nampa Idaho. In Curtis’ presence, Stewart ingested a portion of the fentanyl, overdosed and lost consciousness. Instead of calling 911, Curtis attempted to revive Stewart by injecting him with methamphetamine. Stewart ultimately died from the drugs. Stewart’s cause of death was listed as a methamphetamine overdose and blunt force trauma, according to a coroner’s report.

The report also listed Stewart’s death as a homicide noting multiple fractured ribs, significant bruising to his chest and multiple lacerations, abrasions and bruises on his face and neck.

Ryan Curtis was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 20 years in federal prison, followed by three years supervised release.

Controlled substance analysis was done by ISP forensic services



## **East Idaho couple sexually abused 4-year-old**

A Rigby couple has been arrested after allegedly making pornographic photos of a 4-year-old girl, according to the Bonneville County Sheriff’s Office.

Joseph Lavern Harris, 30, and Elizabeth Dawn Evans, 27, were arrested March 8 after a detective conducted a search warrant on three phones in their possession.

Investigators discovered a picture depicting the child performing a sex act on Harris, according to the sheriff’s office. Harris told the detective he wants to be with the 4-year-old victim when she is old enough.

ISP laboratory performed controlled substance and biology testing on this case.

# Idaho mass stabbing: Suspect accused of targeting 3-year-old's birthday party

June 2018

**BOISE, Idaho** -- A man who had been asked to leave an apartment complex in Boise returned the next day and stabbed children celebrating a 3-year-old girl's birthday, authorities said Sunday. Six children were injured in the attack, along with three adults who rushed to their defense. Boise Police Chief William Bones said the victims are alive but some are gravely injured.

Timmy Kinner 30, of Los Angeles, has 13 charges filed against him.

- First-degree murder in the stabbing death of 3-year-old Ruya Kadir
- Eight counts of aggravated battery,
- One count of burglary for allegedly entering an apartment with the intent to commit aggravated battery
- Two counts of aggravated assault
- One deadly weapon enhancement

Currently he is considered not competent for trial and will be reevaluated at a later date.

Biology screening done by the Idaho State Police Forensic Laboratory

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## Meridian man sentenced to life in prison

February 2018

CALDWELL — A man who broke into his estranged wife's house in Nampa last year and fatally shot another man there was sentenced Monday to life in prison.

Phillip Cabrera, 39, of Meridian was sentenced in 3rd District Court for first-degree murder in the killing of Andrew Shepard, 34, and for aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer. He will be eligible for parole in 35 years.

He was arrested after the April 28, 2017 shooting of 34-year-old Andrew Shepard of Caldwell. According to court documents, Cabrera told officers he drank and snorted cocaine before driving to his estranged wife's home on Bear Valley Drive in Nampa, bringing along seven guns. When he found Shepard's car parked outside the trailer, he said, He slashed all four of the tires, then returned to his vehicle to retrieve his "favorite" guns—an AR-15 and a .45 handgun. Cabrera kicked down the front door of his wife's house in Nampa, then kicked down the master bathroom door before shooting Shepard in the abdomen and head, just missing his daughter in Shepard's arms. Cabrera also shot at responding officers, and stray bullets hit a neighbor's house.

ISP Forensics conducted a firearms analysis as well as controlled substance, toxicology, and alcohol testing.

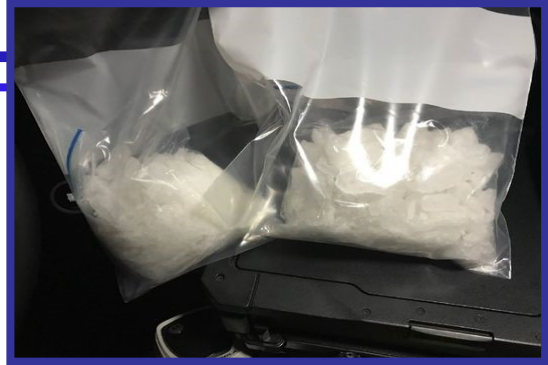
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## Women arrested for meth trafficking lived in the same house as dead infant twins

October 2018

Idaho State Journal



28 year old Haley Miller and 32-year-old Sylvia Tapia, both of Twin Falls, were arrested on Oct. 18 in Utah after police found drugs in the home they shared with a roommate's two infant boys who died less than a week earlier.

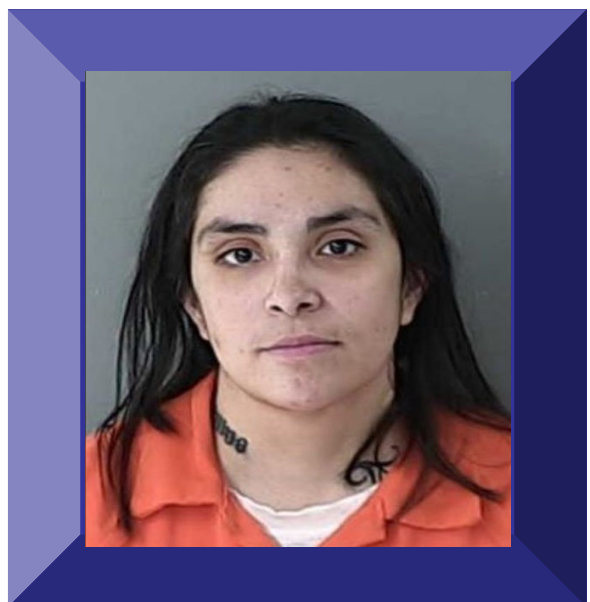
Police were called on the afternoon of Oct. 12 to the 200 block of Morningside Drive for a report of unresponsive children. First responders were not able to save the babies.

While searching the home after the infants' deaths, investigators found methamphetamine, hydrocodone, hydrocodone bitartrate, oxycodone, oxycodone hydrochloride and hydromorphone hydrochloride in a room shared by Miller and Tapia, according to court documents.

Police said they discovered more than 500 grams of meth in a safe in the women's room after Tapia called the police station and said she did not want officers to search the safe. The meth was divided up into nine different packages, one of which was labeled "Ours," according to court documents.

Guilty of one count of meth trafficking and five felony counts of possession.

Controlled substance, toxicology and latent print testing done in the ISP Forensic lab



# Woman sentenced in crash that killed 2 adults, 1 child

A 21-year-old eastern Idaho woman will serve up to 15 years in prison for killing two adults and a child in a drunken driving crash last year.

Incident November 2017

Sentencing June 2018



JEROME, Idaho (AP) - A 21-year-old eastern Idaho woman will serve up to 15 years in prison for killing two adults and a child in a drunken driving crash last year.

The Times-News reports that Shentasha Bybee of Rexburg received a unified sentence of 15 years, with five years fixed and 10 years indeterminate, on Monday.

She pleaded guilty in April to two counts of vehicular manslaughter and aggravated driving under the influence.

Authorities say she didn't yield at a stop sign last November and collided with a van carrying two adults and three children.

Martina Rivera Sandoval died at the scene. Eleven-year-old Leonel Ortiz Rivera died at a hospital. A passenger in Bybee's car, 23-year-old Cole Anthony Hatcher, also died from his injuries. Others were seriously injured.

ISP forensic scientists tested her blood alcohol level

KTVB



**Police say the Department of Homeland Security Task Force ran the name of "Javier Luna -Gutierrez" through their Federal Database and discovered his true identity was Armando Sarmiento-Sarmiento.**

They were able to confirm his identity through a fingerprint check.

The Idaho State Police followed-up on this new information and discovered that Sarmiento-Sarmiento had a United States Marshals Federal Warrant out of Utah.

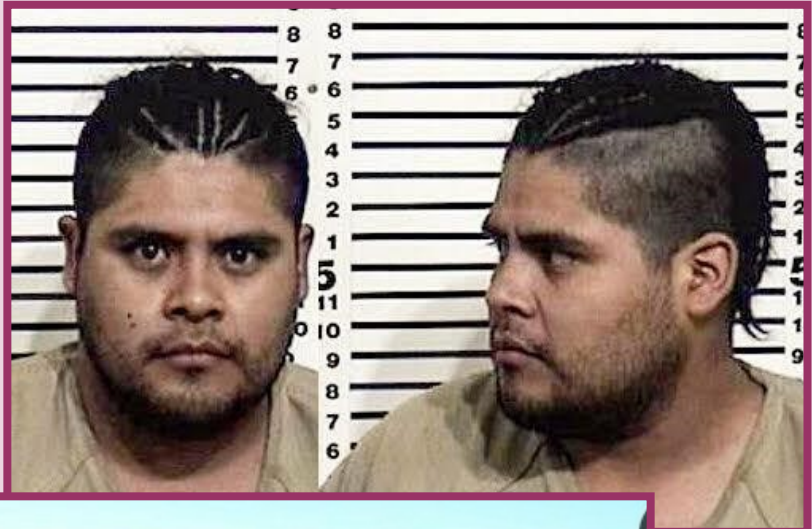
The warrant was for the following charges:

- Count 1 - Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute
- Count 2 - Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute
- Count 3 - Possession of a Firearm and ammunition by an illegal Alien
- Count 4 - Carrying a Firearm during and in relation to drug trafficking crime
- Count 5 - Re-Entry of a previously removed Alien

In addition to being charged with Trafficking 117 pounds of marijuana, Sarmiento-Sarmiento was additionally charged by ISP for providing false information to an officer, driving without privileges and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Controlled Substance

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BLACKFOOT, Idaho - Accused murderer Eugene Ralph Ruff, of Aberdeen, has agreed to plead guilty to one count of second-degree murder.

Ruff was accused in the July 5 shooting death of his wife, Bettilee Paulie Ruff

According to investigators, the couple had been drinking and got into an argument. In the process, Ruff shot Bettilee with a .22-250 bolt-action rifle. Ruff then called the Power County Sheriff's Office and reported himself as the shooter.

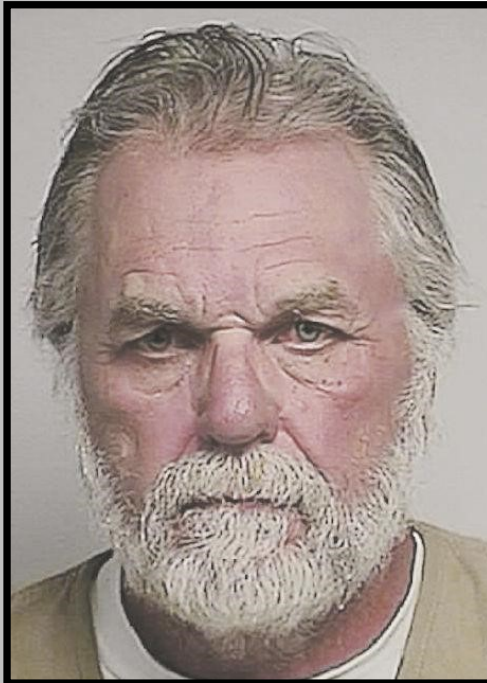
The Bingham County Prosecutor's Office and Ruff entered into an agreement. In it, the state agreed to amend the charge to one count of second-degree murder. Both parties agreed to recommend Ruff receive an indeterminate life sentence. Both parties will be free to argue for no less than 10 years in prison and no more than 18 years at the time of sentencing.

Firearms analysis along with latent prints and

biology testing were all concluded for this case by the ISP forensic lab.

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Idaho State Journal



## Aberdeen man accused of murdering his wife

## Not guilty verdict in N. Idaho triple-fatal boat crash



COEUR D'ALENE - An eastern Washington man has been found not guilty of three counts of involuntary manslaughter following a boating accident on Lake Coeur d'Alene in northern Idaho.

A Kootenai County jury on Friday acquitted Dennis Magner of Spokane following a two-week trial.

Magner was driving a boat in the dark on July 30, 2016, that crashed into a stopped boat and killed 34-year-old Justin Luhr, 21-year-old Justin Honken and 21-year-old Caitlin Breeze. Prosecutors contended Magner was drunk and negligent in the crash.

But defense attorneys said he wasn't drunk and was operating the boat safely but didn't see the collision coming because the other boat's lights weren't on.

An expert testified that Magner may have suffered a traumatic brain injury in the collision, accounting for his memory loss about the event.

The crash occurred at Threemile Point around 9:15 pm on July 30, 2016, an expert opinion report and controlled substance analysis were conducted for this individual this year.



**August 2016**

**Life sentence for  
murder**

**March 2018**

**A Boise woman pleaded guilty Tuesday to fatally suffocating a man and dumping his body in the Boise Foothills.**

BOISE -- A Boise woman pleaded guilty Tuesday to fatally suffocating a man and dumping his body in the Boise Foothills.

Francis March, 45, admitted to first-degree murder as part of a plea deal that dropped additional charges of destruction of evidence and failure to notify of a death.

March was arrested after the body of 61-year-old Mark Irwin was discovered inside a van the foothills in August 2016.

Prosecutors say March drugged Irwin and used a plastic bag to suffocate him before hogtying him to a plastic playground slide, wrapping him in a plastic tarp. She then stole the victim's vehicle to drive his body up to the foothills to dispose of it.

March was arrested after she and 19-year-old Anthony Barclay tried to pawn a rifle that had belonged to the dead man. Barclay - who prosecutors say did not have a hand in killing Irwin - ultimately pleaded guilty to destruction of evidence and failure to notify of a death.

Latent prints and biology conducted by ISP Forensic Services

KTVB





### **Woman accused of fatally shooting father declared to be incompetent**

REXBURG — Presentencing officials declared a woman who reportedly killed her father in June as incompetent to stand trial.

“She has been evaluated by a psychologist. She’s not mentally stable to proceed,” Archibald said. “She can’t plead while she’s mentally incompetent.”

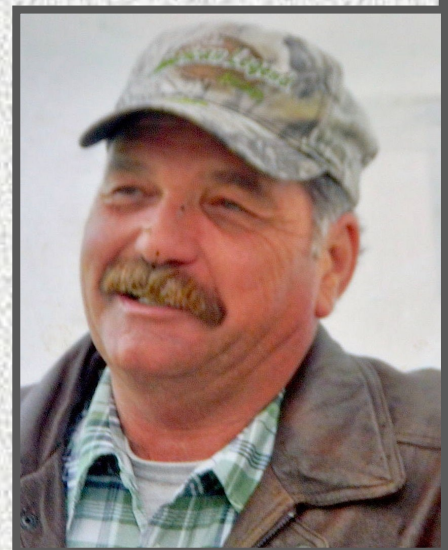
The state accuses Conser of shooting her father, Matthew Travao, at his Hibbard home last month. She reportedly drove from Montana to Hibbard, entered Travao’s home and shot him while he slept. Conser’s two young children and her stepmother also were in the house during the shooting but were not injured. Following her arrest, Conser confessed to killing Travao.

Archibald said the hope is that while Conser is treated at a mental health facility she will develop competency to possibly stand trial.

The state has charged Conser with first-degree murder and a weapons enhancement charge. Conser faces up to life in prison or the death penalty for the murder charge up to 15 years for the weapons enhancement charge. She also could be fined up to \$55,000 for both charges as well as additional restitution to be determined should she plead guilty or be found guilty.

Controlled Substance and toxicology were performed by the ISP forensic lab.

Rexburg Standard Journal





## Man gets prison for intending to murder his son

IDAHO FALLS — An 80-year-old man who threatened to kill his son has been sentenced to prison.

Dale Ivan Smith was sentenced to 15 years in prison with four years fixed and 11 years indeterminate. He was found guilty of assault with intent to murder .

Smith entered an Alford plea as part of a plea agreement that dismissed a first-degree stalking charge, and charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a destructive device.

During a previous hearing, Bonneville County Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Clark said Smith threatened to kill his son, local attorney Bryan Smith, on multiple occasions.

“Those statements would include ‘turn Bryan into a vegetable,’ and ‘there was a contract out on him,’” Clark said referring to the prior threats. “Another threat (was) where he stated was ‘to put him in a damn box,’ ‘may come over to blow his f— head off myself,’ and ‘if it’s the last thing I ever do in my life I will suck the life out of him.’”

Dale’s wife is legally under Bryan’s care. Bryan has a no-contact order against Dale that covers Dale’s wife as well.

Dale was arrested on Nov. 16, after he was found outside of Bryan’s home with an AK-47 and ammunition in the front seat of his vehicle.

Police reports show at about 8 p.m. that evening Bryan called authorities to report a suspicious vehicle near his home.

Bonneville County Sheriff deputies arrived and discovered Dale in the vehicle, a violation of previous no-contact order.

Deputies also discovered fictitious plates with the vehicle, cash, weapons and a note indicating he may have intended to harm Bryan. Dale also said he had World War II grenades in his vehicle.

Police asked Dale if he walked up to Bryan’s house with the rifle. Dale responded, “Yes I did. So how many years is that gonna get me?”

Forensic services processed controlled substance on this individual.

## Over \$3 million worth of marijuana discovered during traffic stop near Dubois

December 2018

DUBOIS — Over three million dollars worth of marijuana was discovered during a traffic stop in Clark County Saturday.

Jonathan D. Speckman, 37, was pulling a trailer with a pickup truck around 7:30 p.m. when he was stopped for a traffic violation on I-15 north of Dubois, according to an Idaho State Police news release.

An ISP K-9 drug dog detected the presence of drugs and troopers obtained a search warrant for the pickup and trailer. Over 800 pounds of marijuana was discovered inside, according to officials.

Speckman is from Hainesville, Illinois. He was booked into the Clark County Jail on \$100,000 bail for trafficking marijuana. Controlled substance testing was done at the ISP forensic laboratory.

Idaho State Journal







## Looks like Trooper Ace is at it again

Wallace Idaho August 2018

Idaho State Police reports that two Washington men were arrested for trafficking marijuana through the Silver Valley Wednesday following a traffic stop on Interstate 90. At approximately 5 p.m. that afternoon, Trooper Kevin Kessler pulled over a rented Sedan type vehicle heading eastbound for a traffic violation. The Trooper then made contact with the two occupants, 26 year-old Marcos Josa of Cheney, Wash. and 26 year-old Mohamed Osman of Spokane, Wash.

During the stop, Kessler released his drug detection K9, a black Labrador named Ace, to sniff outside the vehicle.

ISP Captain John Kempf explains that this was when the discovery was made.

“(Kessler) conducted a search after the dog had indicated the presence of drugs, then they were found in the trunk.”

The 30 pounds of marijuana seized was found in black suitcases.

Idaho State Police forensic lab analyzed this case

Shoshone News Press

## Men face marijuana charges, they say they possessed hemp

Boise Idaho April 2018

Two men have been charged with trafficking marijuana into Idaho even though they say they were transporting immature hemp plants from one out-of-state farm to another.

Police in Ada County arrested Andrew D'Addario, of Colorado, and Erich Eisenhart, of Oregon, after an April traffic stop, the Idaho Press-Tribune reported Wednesday.

Officers observed a truck with the two men inside parked in a parking lot, said prosecutor Jill Longhurst. Officers noticed the smell of marijuana from the truck, and the two men appeared nervous, she said.

When officers searched the truck, they found 915 live marijuana plants, Longhurst said. D'Addario and Eisenhart were transporting the plants for money, she claimed.



While hemp does contain minuscule amounts of THC, the same chemical found in marijuana, it is not considered intoxicating and is legal in many states.

Idaho is one of only a few remaining states where industrial hemp is illegal, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The two men were indicted by a grand jury in August. They pleaded not guilty to trafficking between 1 and 5 pounds (more than 450 and 2,000 grams) of marijuana.

A jury trial is set to begin Jan. 23. If found guilty, they face a mandatory minimum of five years in prison.

Controlled Substance analysis was performed on this case at the ISP Forensic lab.

Magic Valley News

# 62 pounds of marijuana seized in I90 traffic stop

March 14, 2018



Pinehurst Idaho

Ace positively alerted on a vehicle for the presence of illegal substances which allowed officers to conduct a search.

The troopers found approximately 62 pounds of marijuana in the back of the vehicle along with one pound of hash oil. Thirty nine year old Corey Ramey of Monterey Minnesota was arrested for trafficking over 25 pounds of marijuana and booked into the Shoshone County Jail in Wallace. ISP says that Ramey has a prior conviction for drug distribution while he was in the military.

Idaho state police controlled substance scientists analyzed this case.

Shoshone News Press