



# Bonner County Sheriff's Office

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**September 30, 2015**

### **Lethal Altercation**

On September 29, 2015 at approximately 11 PM Bonner County Sheriff's Office responded to the 4800 block of Spirit Lake Cutoff Road for a 911 call. During the course of the deputies' response, it was determined that a domestic battery had occurred. An adult female and her children fled the residence during a lethal altercation. This is an ongoing investigation. The names of the victims are not being released at this time. An autopsy has been ordered on the deceased adult male.

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**October 1, 2015**

### **Lethal Altercation Addition**

At approximately 11:30 p.m. on September 29, 2015, Bonner County 911 operators received a 911 call with an open line. 911 operators heard screaming and the sounds of a violent struggle. Bonner County Deputies, as well as emergency medical personnel from Northern Lakes Fire Department, were immediately dispatched to an address in the 4800 block of Spirit Lake Cutoff Road.

The investigation, initiated by the Bonner County Sheriff's Office, indicated that Scott Spangler, a 55 year old male and his wife Deanna had been engaged in a violent struggle prior to the call. The wife stated that as the fight continued, the husband threatened to retrieve a firearm and kill himself, as well as the wife and children who were still present in the home.

The husband collected what he believed to be all phones in the home, in an attempt to prevent the wife from summoning help. The wife located another phone and dialed 911, as she retrieved a firearm.

When she dialed 911, the husband heard the phone dialing. He immediately ran at her and she fired two shots from the firearm to stop his aggression. Evidence shows that the husband was struck with two bullets, but continued to violently fight her by striking her, strangling her, and dragging her to the kitchen knife drawer where he grabbed kitchen shears.

Eventually, the husband began to lose consciousness, allowing the wife to escape the residence with their children. These events were recorded over the 911 phone line, as well as described by the wife.

Within minutes, Bonner County Deputies arrived on scene and immediately began performing CPR on the husband in an effort to save his life.

Fire department and medical personnel arrived on scene and continued lifesaving measures, but eventually the husband succumbed to his injuries.

David Hale, Chief Deputy