



Bonner County Sheriff's Office

MEDIA RELEASE



March 21, 2016 – Missing Man Recovered

On February 23, 2016, the Bonner County Sheriff's Office was notified of a possible missing person. Jeffrey Schutz, age 55, was last seen on February 20th by a neighbor, wandering in an apparently confused state in the Wrenco Loop area.

An extensive search ensued for 3 consecutive days, with search parties headed by the Bonner County Sheriff's Office, volunteer members of Priest Lake Search and Rescue (including 5 K-9 teams) and enlisting the help of Two Bear Air Rescue, a volunteer helicopter service based in Whitefish, Montana. Members of the Bonner County Detective Division continued to follow leads then a 4th search mission was completed using K-9's supervised by Priest Lake Search and Rescue.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. on this date, personal possessions including identification and items of clothing belonging to the missing person were discovered by a hiker several miles from Jeffrey Shultz's home. Sheriff's Deputies subsequently located the body of Shultz in the Carr Creek area. While the cause of death has not been definitively resolved, the preliminary information is consistent with exposure to weather elements.

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