

## **BONNER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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The Bonner County Sheriff's Office is releasing the names of the Sandpoint City Police Officers involved in the shooting incident on 7-8-14 in the 500 block of North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Sandpoint.

Officers were summoned to Bonner General Hospital at approximately 9:00PM to investigate a report of a weapons offence. Bonner General Hospital went into lockdown.

Officers located the female suspect later identified as Jeanette Riley age 35 as she exited a white van on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in front of the Emergency Entrance.

Riley armed with a knife engaged the officers. Riley was non-compliant, refused to stop her approach. She refused to drop the knife. As a result of Riley's action, officers used deadly force to stop the threat.

The 3 Sandpoint City Police Officers were: Officer S. Ziegler -- employed by Sandpoint City for 3-1/2 years. Officer M. Valenzuela -- employed by Sandpoint City for 5 years. Officer Garrett Johnson – employed by Sandpoint City for 1-1/2 years. Officer Johnson was in field training at the time of this event.

Bonner County Sheriff's Office is designated as the lead agency in this ongoing investigation. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Gary Johnston.