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## Coeur d'Alene Police Department

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Report # 09C38437 Crime: Attempted murder Date/Time: 122709/12:44am

Location: 200 Block Sherman Ave

Coeur d'Alene Police responded to the 200 blk. of Sherman Ave. for the report of a fight and shots fired. When officers arrived there were dozens of people in the street and on the sidewalk that had just come out of area bars.

Officers discovered two males had been shot and the male suspect (name withheld at this time) 25 years of age, of Coeur d'Alene, was being held down by witnesses of the shooting.

One male victim in his early 20's (victim's names withheld at this time) sustained life threatening injuries with a gunshot wound to his abdomen. He is currently being treated at Kootenai Medical Center but may be life flighted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

The second male victim also in his early 20's sustained a gunshot wound to his knee. He was also transported to KMC. Both victims live in Moses Lake Washington and were visiting relatives in Coeur d'Alene for the Christmas holiday.

Witnesses stated a verbal altercation between the suspect, the victim's and several other males occurred at the Underground bar earlier in the evening. The suspect left the bar.

At approximately 12:44 am the victim's and several other males and females left the bar they were at and were walking south on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. toward Sherman Ave. As they rounded the corner onto the 200 blk. of Sherman Ave. they came upon the suspect who was walking east in the 200 blk. of Sherman Ave.

Witnesses stated the suspect exchanged words with the victim's and then pulled a handgun gun and fired several rounds at that group of people. Witnesses quickly overpowered the suspect and pulled him to the ground.

The suspect was also transported to KMC with injuries sustained to his head he received while being detained by witnesses. His injuries are not life threatening. Charges are pending.

The investigation is on-going. Sherman Ave. is currently closed from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. while detectives process the crime scene. No further information is available at this time.

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