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## **UPDATE MARCH 21, 2017**

FAMILY OF MR. BENJAMIN C. BARNES LOCATED AND NOTIFIED (OUT OF STATE)

I would like to thank everyone for their help and who contacted my office with information. My office was able to follow an anonymous tip, coupled with other agency information, which led to locating and notifying the mother of Mr. Barnes.

Dotti Owens, Ada County Coroner

MARCH 20, 2017

OFFICER INVOLVED SUSPECT IDENTITY

ADA COUNTY CORONER CASE NUMBER 170319-10

NAME: BENJAMIN C. BARNES

SEX: MALE

PLACE OF DEATH: BOISE FOOTHILLS

RESIDENCE: BOISE, IDAHO

CAUSE OF DEATH: GUNSHOT WOUND OF THE CHEST

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE

42 year-old Benjamin C. Barnes of Boise died of a gunshot wound of the chest. There were a total of two gunshot wounds, one fatal one non-fatal. Mr. Barnes reportedly was threatening Hulls Gulch hikers and shot and killed one dog before being confronted by the Boise City Police. The Ada County Critical Incident Task Force is investigating the shooting.

My office continues to follow up but as of the time of this release have exhausted leads to locate family. If you have any information on family of Mr. Barnes, please contact my office at 208-287-5556.

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