



Chief Lee White

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Coeur d'Alene Police Department

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The Coeur d'Alene Police Department is investigating the incident at the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Town Hall on Saturday February 22, 2025, at Coeur d'Alene High School.

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee organized and held a Town Hall meeting, which was open to the public, at Coeur d'Alene High School. During the meeting, opinions were expressed, both for and against the various topics of discussion. During the meeting, after speaking out of turn, Teresa Borrenpohl, was asked to leave. When she refused, she was physically removed by employees of Lear Asset Management, a private security firm hired by the event organizers.

Officers, who were in the school parking lot due to a threat to one of the state legislators, were alerted to the incident after Borrenpohl had been removed. During the initial investigation, officers learned Borrenpohl bit one of the men involved in removing her. With the officers limited information at the time, Borrenpohl was cited for battery.

Since the initial investigation, officers and detectives have continued to investigate this incident. After reviewing all new evidence and video related to the event, the City Prosecuting Attorney's Office has moved to dismiss the citation against Borrenpohl in the interest of justice. The business license for Lear Asset Management has been revoked for violating Coeur d'Alene City ordinances regarding Security Agencies and Agents (City Code 5.32.)

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department recognizes and values all rights afforded by the United States Constitution to all citizens, including the right to free speech. This is a complex incident, and detectives continue to work through all aspects of the investigation. More information will be released when it becomes available.

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