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The Idaho Falls Police Department welcomes its newest hires, Shara Ovard and Krissy Gittins.

Gittins started June 20 as the new CSI Technician and Ovard started Aug. 2 as the new property/evidence clerk.

“The IFPD is fortunate to have two high caliber people join our department,” Spokesperson Joelyn Hansen said. “These two ladies come with exceptional work experience and talents that compliment the IFPD’s focus and mission.”

Gittins previously worked for the Madison County Sheriff’s Office as the CSI Technician for seven years. She also has two associates degrees in criminal justice and sociology.

As the CSI Technician, Gittins will be responsible for processing and responding to crime scenes for the department. Since she started in June, she has already been kept busy as she’s assisted with robbery, burglary and other miscellaneous cases.

“I’ve probably been to more crime scenes here in the last few months than a year in Madison (County),” Gittins said. “(IFPD) is pretty steady and keeps me pretty busy.”

Ovard joins the IFPD from the Bonneville County Sheriff’s Office Records Division. She worked in the county for six and a half years prior to making the transition to the city.

As the property/evidence clerk she’ll be tasked with keeping inventory and monitoring evidence and property received by the IFPD along with the department’s other clerk, Mickey Callow. She’ll also assist Gittins in the CSI lab.

Ovard said she’s already enjoying the new job and the people she’ll be working with.

“It’s very different and so far I’ve been really enjoying it as I’m doing a lot on-the-job training,” she said.

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