



KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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South Kitsap man critically injured during assault

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives are investigating a violent assault on a 25 year-old man found critically injured and lying on the deck of a residence in South Kitsap.

The injured man was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, Seattle with torso, face and neck trauma consistent with gunshot wounds.

An arrest has been made in connection with this investigation. A motive for the assault has not yet been determined.

Location: private residence in the 14800 block of Roy Road SE, in the Olalla area of South Kitsap, close to the Pierce County line.

Time & date: The man was discovered just after 6:00 a.m., Friday, May 21, by a neighbor.

Synopsis:

Sheriff's patrol deputies were dispatched to the residence at 6:25 a.m. at the request of South Kitsap Fire & Rescue. Deputies arrived on-scene at 6:42 a.m.

A SKF&R medic unit had been dispatched by 9-1-1 when a neighbor heard the victim's cries for help. The neighbor found the victim outside on a deck located at the rear of the victim's house. The initial report, based on the neighbor's call, was broadcast as a complaint of a back injury caused by the victim falling down.

When medics arrived they immediately realized that the victim's injuries were caused by an aggravated assault. The medics requested additional medical and law enforcement assistance.

While medics worked to stabilize the victim, sheriff's patrol deputies entered and searched the house to check for any additional victims or possible suspect(s). No other persons were found, but deputies observed evidence outside the house of a violent confrontation.

Deputies exited the residence to await authorization to re-enter the home under authority of a search warrant. Deputies then began to photograph and process the scene.

Sheriff's detectives were notified and responded to the property to continue the initial investigation. Forensic assistance was provided by the Washington State Patrol Crime Scene Response Team.

During the follow-on investigation detectives identified a 26 year-old male roommate of the victim and they worked to locate and question him about the assault. Detectives subsequently learned that the roommate was being held in the Mason County Jail after being arrested for DUI by a Washington State Patrol trooper.

The roommate was released from Mason County and transported to Kitsap County. Sheriff's detectives developed probable cause to arrest the roommate as the primary suspect in connection with the assault and injuries to the victim. The suspect was booked into Kitsap County Jail for assault, 1st degree, with bail set at \$250,000.

The suspect is expected to make a preliminary appearance in Kitsap County District Court at 3:00 p.m., Monday.

Persons with information about this incident are asked to contact Detective Lissa Gundrum at (360) 337-5669.

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