

Domestic Disturbance Leads to Attempted Murder Charges

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Zane Barclay

A 19-year-old man is in jail tonight after a domestic disturbance in his rural Columbia County home turned violent. Zane L. Barclay was lodged in the Columbia County Jail with 10 counts of attempted murder connected to gunshots fired at his mother.

Sheriff's deputies responded to Smith Rd. and Gensman Rd. west of the City of Saint Helens after a call went out from the mother saying her 19-year-old son was attempting to get into the family gun safe. Soon afterward, the report came that the suspect had fired several rounds from an assault rifle.

Law enforcement from five additional police agencies reacted to the scene, together with representatives from Columbia River Fire and Rescue, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and two private timber Companies in response to the escalating situation in a rural, heavily forested setting.

After taking several hours to assimilate the mixed host of resources, a break in the case was made when family members of the suspect located him by calling a friend's cell phone. Police were dispatched to the scene just a few miles west of the initial crime scene, where the suspect was located and taken into custody without further incident.

"A multi-agency response of police officers from Scappoose, St. Helens, Rainier, Portland and the Oregon State Police helped bring this emergency to a satisfactory conclusion," said Columbia County Sheriff Jeff Dickerson. "The Portland Police Bureau sent fixed wing assistance to provide aerial surveillance and two canine officers in the event that we would need to track the suspect in this rural area. I'm also grateful for the assistance from Scappoose and Saint Helens police chiefs who rendered incalculable assistance in the command post," Dickerson said.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office, with assistance of the Columbia County Major Crimes

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Team is investigating the incident.

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