

The Columbia County Grand Jury yesterday indicted 19-year-old Zane Barclay on 14 counts of attempted murder after the Sheriff's Office arrested the St. Helens-area man last week for attempting to shoot his mother with an assault rifle.

Additional counts in the indictment included 1 count of menacing and two counts of carrying a firearm with intent to use it. Barclay, who remains in custody in the Columbia County Jail was set to be arraigned today on those charges.

"This is a very difficult time for members of the Barclay family, who hate to see a beloved family member with such charges," Sheriff Jeff Dickerson said. "Nevertheless, we have a duty to ensure that the peace in our community is conserved to the best of our ability.

"This investigation is a culmination of effort from many law enforcement agencies who responded to the scene that day, and who responded later to help us with this investigation."

Investigators from the Sheriff's Office, the Oregon State police and the St. Helens and Scappoose police departments worked together to compile a thorough investigation.

"I'm grateful for the interagency support that helped put together the case that produced these indictments," the sheriff said.