

SUSPECT IN CUSTODY IN SHOOTING INCIDENT

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The suspect involved in a Columbia County Shooting incident yesterday is in custody this evening after an exhaustive investigation by the Columbia County Major Crimes Team.

Detectives assigned to the major crimes team arrested A 17-year-old boy at a rural Columbia County address in the Clatskanie area just after 6 p.m. today. The youthful suspect was transported to the Cowlitz County Youth Services Center in Longview after surrendering to authorities without incident.

"I am pleased we were able to get the suspect in custody, and am grateful for the hard work and sleepless hours dedicated to solving this part of the puzzle," said Sheriff Jeff Dickerson. "The Oregon State Police, in particular devoted a number of detectives to this effort, and additional detectives from the sheriff's office and other county police agencies assisted."

After an extensive search of the area where the shooting took place, detectives investigating a lead in the area of Kukkula and Beaver Falls roads, determined the suspect was holed up inside a residence there along with several other individuals. One of those individuals, David Coffey, 32, Kelso, Wash. was arrested on a warrant by Oregon State Police Officers at the scene (refer to OSP for additional details). The 17-year-old shooting suspect was also wanted on juvenile arrest warrants in Washington.

The juvenile suspect was charged with Attempted Murder and Assault First Degree . He was taken to the Kelso juvenile facility through the conditions of an intergovernmental agreement with the Cowlitz County Juvenile Department. There are no housing facilities for juvenile offenders in Columbia County.