

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is searching this morning for a lone suspect in a car jacking that occurred in the Clatskanie area last night. A temporary warrant has been issued in this case after the suspect stole money and a vehicle from an acquaintance at gunpoint. At one point, the suspect is reported to have fired shots at the victim. The victim is uninjured.

Wanted on probable cause to arrest for Armed Robbery and Attempted Murder is Devin J. Wilmoth, 26, of Clatskanie after he stole the pickup truck belonging to 26-year-old Andrew S. McKinley of Longview, and fired several shots at McKinley as he fled the area on foot. Wilmoth also got away with cash belonging to the victim. Sheriff's Investigators believe the incident is drug-related and have issued a temporary arrest warrant for Wilmoth with an armed and dangerous caution on the warrant. Also entered as stolen is a black 2006 Chevy pickup equipped with a lift kit and large black wheels, bearing Washington license plate number B05711N. Just after 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday evening, sheriff's deputies and officers from the Clatskanie, Rainier and St. Helens Police Departments and the Oregon State Police responded to the area of Shepard Rd., between Delena Mayger and Harms roads on a call of carjacking with shots fired. Upon arriving, they learned that the suspect and victim are known to each other and had ridden together from the Portland area into the rural area between Rainier and Clatskanie. Wilmoth was driving McKinley's pickup truck at the time. Wilmoth ordered McKinley out of the vehicle on Shepard Rd. near Harms Rd. and fired several shots from a handgun at the victim who fled the scene. McKinley proceeded to a nearby residence where he called 911. Investigators believe one or both individuals in this case might have been impaired with a controlled substance at the time of the incident.

Assistance in this case was also obtained with help of the Columbia 911 dispatch center, the Beaverton Police Department and the Portland Police Bureau, as a multi-agency effort to find the suspect in several jurisdictions was commenced. The suspect remains at large at this time. The suspect is considered armed and dangerous and no attempts should be made on the part of citizens to apprehend the suspect on their own. If the suspect or suspect vehicle is located, please call 911 immediately.

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Devon Wilmoth