

A gunman who opened fire in the parking lot of a floating restaurant in the Multnomah Channel is in custody today.

Columbia County Sheriff's deputies arrested Peter Miller Schwert, 38, Scappoose after he reportedly fired six rounds from a semi-automatic pistol during a dispute at the "Mark's on the Channel" restaurant located in McCuddy's Marina in the Multnomah Channel south of Scappoose.

"We responded to Mark's on the Channel Friday night at 11:38 p.m. when we received a call that someone with a gun was firing shots as he walked across the parking lot," Sheriff Jeff Dickerson said. "Oregon State Police

and Scappoose Police responded initially, but we were able also to respond with deputies on the water and in the field adjacent to the restaurant. The Saint Helens Police Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) also responded and helped flush out the suspect."

Schwert was taken into custody at 2:34 a.m. after CIRT began searching an area north of where the shooting occurred. Two deputies on the perimeter of the search area located the suspect and took him into custody without further incident.

Additional resources from the Portland Police Bureau and Multnomah County Sheriff's Office were also summoned as officers and deputies combed the tall grass in the area for the suspect. Multnomah County Sheriff's Office posted a deputy on Sauvie Island

across the channel from the restaurant, and the Police Bureau was scrambling air support with infrared viewing capabilities about the time the suspect was taken into custody. Rainier, Scappoose, St. Helens and Oregon State Police officers all assisted with the search and containment of the suspect. Columbia 911 Dispatch also committed a tactical dispatcher to the scene.

The incident remains under investigation, and updates will be published as they become available.

Schwert was lodged in the Columbia County Jail on two counts of Menacing, two counts of Pointing a Firearm at Another, two counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon, two counts of Recklessly Endangering Another, and one count of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

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