

One Jailed, One Hospitalized After Mason County Shooting

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An early morning shooting resulted in the hospitalization of a Belfair man who sustained multiple gunshot wounds at his home at about 6:40 AM tuesday. The injured man who is described as being in his fifties was apparently shot by a neighbor man. Sheriff's Detectives do not yet have a motive for the shooting, but preliminarily learned the shooter was a neighbor who came over to the victim's residence to borrow something. The shots rang out after the victim went outside with the suspect. When Sheriff's Deputies and Medics arrived the man was conscious and alert. Due to foggy weather and poor visibility, the man was transported by ground to St Josephs Hospital in Tacoma. Tuesday he was reported in stable condition.

Sheriff's Deputies and SWAT Team members in concert with Washington State Patrol Troopers, Department of Wildlife Officers, Shelton Police, and Squaxin Police found the suspect at his home. Without the suspect's knowledge SWAT team members set up a perimeter around the house to prevent the suspect's escape. Just as SWAT members were about to contact the suspect, he attempted to leave the residence in a vehicle. The suspect was arrested without incident. A friend who was with the suspect was detained for short period of time then released. The suspect, Danial R. Halverson, 51, Belfair, was booked into the Mason County Jail at about 12:30 PM tuesday on investigation of attempted murder. No bail has been set. The suspect's first court appearance is expected early today. Bail is expected to be set at that time. Deputies are trying to determine why Halverson shot his neighbor. Search warrants are being served on the victim's residence as well as the Halverson residence. Deputies say that during the course of the investigation that a small marijuana grow was discovered at the victim's residence. That case is also under investigation. Investigators say that additional arrests are possible.