

MEDIA RELEASE

Cornelius Man Arrested for March 24 Shooting

May 25, 2022

On Thursday, March 24th, 2022, at 7:23 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a shooting at a residence in the 2500 block of SW Lafollett Rd in unincorporated Cornelius. A person called 911 to report that Christopher Hugh Salter, 44, had just shot someone in the front yard. Deputies responded to the scene, along with an ambulance.

When deputies arrived, they detained Salter and rendered aid to the person who was shot, Gumerindo Gonzalez Jr., age 63. Detectives with the Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) responded to investigate.

During the investigation, detectives learned that Salter and Gonzalez had a verbal argument near Salter's residence earlier in the week.

Gonzalez was transported to the hospital by helicopter, where he underwent emergency surgery; however, he died from his injuries on March 28th, 2022. On May 24th, 2022, a Washington County Grand Jury indicted Salter on the following charges:

- Manslaughter in the first degree
- Unlawful use of a weapon

On May 25th, 2022, Salter was arrested by the Sheriff's Office Criminal Apprehension Team (CAT) and lodged in the Washington County Jail.

Members of the [Violent Crimes Unit](#) are called upon to investigate serious violent crimes such as homicides, suspicious deaths, adult sexual assaults, kidnappings, robberies, extortion, serious assaults, elder abuse, and missing persons.



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