



PRESS RELEASE

Case #15-230048

Deputies Arrest Man after Violent Domestic Assault

January 10, 2015—Washington County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a man after allegedly strangling and assaulting his girlfriend.

On January 10, 2015 at about 3:16 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies serving the City of Cornelius were called to Leo's Lair bar concerning a 911 call. The Sheriff's Office received a 911 call then the caller hung up. Sheriff's Deputies learned that when the dispatcher called the phone number back, a woman answered and said everything was alright. Knowing that people may not be able to fully report an incident, combined with the given time and location, a Sheriff's Deputy went to the bar to investigate.



The bar was closed for the night and the Sheriff's Deputy initially did not receive an answer but after several minutes of persistence, Jordan Hedgepeth, 23, from Cornelius finally opened the door. The Sheriff's Deputy quickly ascertained Mr. Hedgepeth had been very assaultive in a dispute with a woman at the bar.

Sheriff's Deputies were told that the woman and Mr. Hedgepeth had been in a relationship for several months. It was learned that the woman, a bartender at Leo's Lair, had closed the business for the night and Mr. Hedgepeth stayed with her. It was reported the two had been arguing throughout the evening and when they were alone, Mr. Hedgepeth became extremely violent.

It was reported that Mr. Hedgepeth forced the woman in a back room where he confined her while he strangled and assaulted her, at one point arming himself with a knife. The woman was treated on the scene by medical personnel. Fortunately, she was not seriously injured during the incident.

Jordan Chase Hedgepeth was arrested and lodged in the Washington County Jail where he was charged with Kidnapping, Assault, Strangulation, Menacing and Harassment. He is held on \$250,000 bail.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office has a Domestic Violence Resource Team that assists with all domestic violence situations. There are many resources available for victims of domestic violence. If you, or someone you know are the victim of domestic violence, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office for help.