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Deputies Capture Attempted Burglary Suspect

September 8, 2013—Washington County Deputies captured a man who is believed to have attempted a burglary. The homeowner spooked him off and the suspect was captured after a manhunt.

On September 8, 2013, at about 5:33a.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to a residence in the 4000 block of NW Malhuer Avenue concerning a burglary. This is in the community of Rock Creek, an area of the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD). The homeowner reported he heard a noise in his dining room area and he went to investigate. He told deputies he saw an unknown man run from the house exiting the rear sliding door. The homeowner told Sheriff's Deputies that the door had been left unlocked from the night before.

Multiple deputies converged upon the area in an attempt to capture the man. Deputies were assisted by a Hillsboro Police K9 and handler. After over one hour of searching, Sheriff's Deputies located Garrett Fitzgerald, 48, a transient, walking in the area with wet and muddy clothing. Garrett Fitzgerald was identified as the man that was in the house.

Nothing was reported missing from the house. Deputies believe Mr. Fitzgerald was in the process of burglarizing the home before he was scared away. There have been vehicle break-ins recently in the Rock Creek area. The vehicles were left unlocked and valuable items were left in plain view.

Garrett Fitzgerald was lodged in the Washington County Jail charged with Criminal Trespass and a Parole Violation warrant for a previous Burglary. He is held without the possibility of release.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office reminds citizens to keep doors and windows locked and valuables secured and out of sight.