



PRESS RELEASE

Case #14-508038

Man Arrested Following Gunfire Disturbance at Residence

May 24, 2014—Sheriff's Deputies arrested a man after he fired a handgun in close proximity to people at a residence. The man fled and was captured shortly afterward.



On May 24, 2014, at 3:18 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a disturbance at a residence located in the 4200 block of SW 162nd Avenue in the community of Aloha. It was reported that Joe Vonntae Sanders, 24, from Aloha was having a confrontation with a family member who lives at the house. Joe Vonntae Sanders reportedly shot into the ground once from a handgun. He immediately fled the residence in a vehicle.

Sheriff's Deputies were able to quickly secure the scene and confirm that no one was injured at the residence. Sheriff's Deputies were able to gather information concerning Mr. Sanders' vehicle and the area he may have been headed towards. The information was distributed to all local law enforcement agencies. Beaverton Police located Mr. Sanders' vehicle traveling southbound on Highway 217 at SW Allen Boulevard. He was stopped and detained without further incident.

Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident. It was later discovered that Mr. Sanders reportedly went to the residence upset about a family matter. There reportedly was one person standing very close to Mr. Sanders when he fired a handgun into the pavement. Sheriff's Deputies are searching for the handgun used as they believe it may have been discarded by Mr. Sanders after he fled the residence. Citizens are reminded that if they find a dangerous weapon not to touch it and call 911 to report it.

Joe Vonntae Sanders was arrested and lodged in the Washington County Jail. He was charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Reckless Endangering, Menacing, and Unlawful use of a Weapon. He is held on \$20,000 bail. The booking photo attached is from an arrest in April 2014.

Sheriff's Deputies are seeking the public's help regarding this case. If you have any information, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 629-0111.