



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Media Release

Update: Man Arrested for Murder in North Plains Shooting, Deputies Continue Searching for Second Suspect

September 28, 2017 – Earlier today, Washington County Sheriff's Office detectives learned that homicide suspect Christopher Stephens, 40-years-old of Newberg, was possibly in the Tualatin area.

At 2:45 p.m., the interagency Washington County Tactical Negotiations Team (SWAT), with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service, took Mr. Stephens into custody during a traffic stop at Southwest Boones Ferry Road and Southwest Avery Street in Tualatin.

Mr. Stephens has been charged with murder and is being held at the Washington County Jail without bail.

Detectives continue to search for the second suspect, Chad Pitcher, who is also wanted for murder. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call non-emergency dispatch at (503) 629-0111, or call 9-1-1 if he is seen. The earlier media releases are below.



Update: Deputies Ask For Public's Assistance Locating Murder Suspect

September 26, 2017 – Detectives have identified the suspect from the homicide outside of North Plains as 38-year-old Chad Brandon Pitcher, and investigators are asking for the public's assistance locating him.

Mr. Pitcher should be considered armed and dangerous and the public should not attempt to approach him. Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to call non-emergency dispatch at (503) 629-0111.

No additional information is available at this time. The earlier media releases are below.





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Update: Victim in Fatal Shooting Identified

September 20, 2017 – The deceased person from yesterday's fatal shooting has been identified as 39-year-old Michael Zven Arch (aka Reiner Ralph Schmolling, Jr.) of Hillsboro. Detectives with the Washington County Major Crimes Team continue to investigate, but believe there is no danger to the public. The original media release is below.

Fatal Shooting Investigation Underway Outside North Plains

September 19, 2017 – Deputies are investigating a fatal shooting that occurred outside North Plains.

On September 19, 2017, at 4:49 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the 16000 block of Northwest Dairy Creek Road outside North Plains on a reported shooting.

Deputies arrived and located an adult male outside suffering from a gunshot wound. Deputies attempted life-saving measures but he was later pronounced deceased at the scene. The suspect fled prior to deputies' arrival.

The interagency Washington County Major Crimes Team responded and continues to investigate. No arrests have been made, but investigators believe there is no danger to the public.

The deceased person is not being identified due to pending family notifications.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by the North Plains Police Department, Forest Grove Police Department, Hillsboro Police Department, and Oregon State Police. Forensic technicians with the Sheriff's Office responded to process the scene.



Anyone with information about this shooting is asked to call non-emergency dispatch at (503) 629-0111.