



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE News Release

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Man Accidentally Shoots into Neighbor's House

Summary of Event

An Aloha man accidentally discharged his AR-15 rifle in his house. The round passed through the wall and through the wall of the neighbor's house where it struck a light fixture. No one was injured.

Full Details

On January 10, 2012, a caregiver at an Aloha adult transition home heard glass break in the house. He found a ceiling light fixture broken in one of the bedrooms, but did not know what caused it to break. The next day, they discovered a bullet hole in the bedroom wall.



Sheriff's deputies were called to investigate the bullet hole. They determined that the shot likely came from 4430 SW 185th Avenue, Aloha. They went to the house and saw an area on the side of the house that appeared to have been recently patched and painted. The location of the patch job was consistent with the location where the bullet would have exited the house.

Deputies attempted to contact the neighbor, 47-year-old Allan Bako, but he was not home. Over the last two days deputies have attempted to interview Mr. Bako, but they were not able to contact him until this afternoon, January 14. The investigating deputies found him at home. Mr. Bako told them that he recently purchased an AR-15 Rifle. He said he did not know very much about the weapon and he was messing around with it in his house. He said he accidentally discharged a round that went through the wall of his house.

Mr. Bako said he went outside to look where the bullet had gone. He saw that it passed completely through the wall, but he did not go to the neighbor's house to see if anyone was hurt. Mr. Bako was frightened by the incident and decided to return the rifle to the store.

Mr. Bako was arrested and transported to the Washington County Jail where he was charged with Recklessly Endangering another Person, Tampering with Evidence, and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.

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