MEDIA RELEASE

Elderly Man Sustains Serious Injuries After Assault in Rock Creek

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On Friday, August 6, 2021, at 12:57 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a reported assault in the 18300 block of NW West Union Road in the community of Rock Creek. Rock Creek is within the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD).

Multiple witnesses reported that a male suspect ran up to and violently shoved an 84-year-old male, knocking him to the ground and causing massive head injuries. The victim was picking berries prior to the unprovoked assault. Deputies rendered medical aid until they were relieved by personnel from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and Metro West Ambulance.

The victim was transported to a trauma center in Portland with life-threatening injuries.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit responded to the scene to assist with the investigation.

The suspect was identified as 49-year-old Gregory J. Bruemmer. He was arrested for assault in the second degree and harassment and taken to the Washington County Jail.

Members of the <u>Violent Crimes Unit</u> are called upon to investigate serious violent crimes such as homicides, suspicious deaths, adult sexual assaults, kidnappings, robberies, extortion, serious assaults, elder abuse, and missing persons.



The Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD) provides law enforcement services for more than 237,000 residents in the urban areas outside of cities in Washington County, including Bethany, Cedar Mill, Cedar Hills, Aloha, Reedville, Garden Home, Metzger, Rock Creek, Raleigh Hills, Bull Mountain, Bonny Slope, West Slope, Oak Hills, and more. Voters first approved the ESPD in 1987 and all local option levies since then.



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