



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Media Release

Man Questioned After Early-Morning Shooting in Aloha

November 9, 2017 – Early this morning, a man unintentionally shot his 16-year-old son while retrieving a handgun. The teen was transported to a local hospital and is expected to survive.

On Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 2:39 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a shooting call in the 21500 block of SW Peggy Court in Aloha. Upon arrival, deputies learned that Brian Matsuo, 38, unintentionally shot his 16-year-old son while retrieving a handgun.

The son sustained serious but not life-threatening injuries. He was transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital. At this early stage, it appears he will survive his injuries.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit will continue to investigate and will ultimately forward their findings to the Washington County District Attorney's Office.

Total adherence to the four cardinal rules of gun safety will prevent almost all – if not all – unintended discharges of firearms:

1. Always treat all firearms as if they were loaded.
2. Never allow the muzzle of any firearm to point at anything you are not willing to shoot.
3. Never put your finger near the trigger until you are ready to fire.
4. Always be sure of your target, and what is behind and in front of it.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office encourages gun owners to store their firearms safely and securely to prevent unintentional shootings. Many inexpensive options exist – including biometric gun safes – to prevent unintended access to firearms.