PRESS RELEASE
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Burglar Captured after Tree Fall

June 4, 2013—Washington County Deputies capture a man who is believed to have committed one burglary and attempted another burglary. He was captured after he fell from a tree during a manhunt.

On June, 3, 2013, at about 7:22 p.m., Sheriff’s Deputies were called to a residence at 15568 NW Overton Drive concerning a burglary. This is in the community of Bethany, an area of the Enhanced Sheriff’s Patrol District (ESPD). A woman reported when she returned home, she opened a bedroom door and an unknown man ran from the room and out of the house. The man broke a window to gain entry into the house.

The description of the fleeing man was similar to that of a person who ran away from a Beaverton Police traffic stop earlier in the afternoon. The person from the traffic stop was not located despite a K9 and numerous law enforcement officers searching for him. The traffic stop was close to the NW Overton Drive address.

When the NW Overton Drive burglary was reported, multiple Sheriff’s Deputies converged on the area believing it was possibly the same person who ran from Beaverton Police earlier. Deputies were becoming concerned as the man seemed to become more brazen in his attempts to elude capture.

Sheriff’s Deputies spotted the man, later identified as Miguel Avila Arreola, 22, a transient, up a large fir tree off NW White Fox Drive. The deputies were working their way around a tall concrete wall to get to where the tree was located in the back yard of a house. Prior to the deputies arrival at the tree, a homeowner at 15560 NW White Fox Drive called to report an unknown man fell out of their tree and was trying to crawl through their back door. They said the man had a leg injury and was unable to walk.

Deputies contacted Mr. Avila Arreola on the back deck of the residence. They confirmed he was the person who earlier ran from Beaverton Police and broke into the house on NW Overton Drive. It was reported that Mr. Avila Arreola had attempted to enter two other homes when he was running from the NW Overton Drive house to the fir tree. He received a broken leg when he fell about 20 feet out of the fir tree. He was transported to the hospital and underwent surgery for his leg injury.

Miguel Avila Arreola will be lodged in the Washington County Jail when he is released from the hospital. He will be facing multiple charges, including Burglary.