



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

Case #16-0610634

### Deputies Capture Fugitive with Stolen Handgun

March 1, 2016—Sheriff's Deputies capture a wanted man after an extensive search. He attempted to run and hide to avoid capture and was tracked down and arrested.

On March 1, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., a Washington County Sheriff's Deputy saw Elijah Halverson, 21, (April 2015 booking photo below) near SW Farmington Road and SW 176<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the community of Aloha. The Sheriff's Deputy recognized Mr. Halverson and knew he was wanted and possibly armed with a handgun. Mr. Halverson ignored the Sheriff's Deputy's commands to surrender and began running through a neighborhood.

Sheriff's Deputies converged to the area assisted by Beaverton Police Officers. Sheriff's Deputies saw Mr. Halverson jumping over fences and attempted to break into at least one house. The homeowner pushed Mr. Halverson away from the doorway then armed himself with a baseball bat and a large pair of scissors. Sheriff's Deputies heard the homeowner yelling at Mr. Halverson and focused their search toward that area.

At 3:30 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies captured Mr. Halverson in the back yard of a residence in the 5500 block of SW 176<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Halverson did not have firearms on him when he was arrested. Sheriff's Deputies began an extensive search believing that Mr. Halverson stashed the guns while he was running. Sheriff's Deputies located two loaded handguns buried in dirt under a house in a crawlspace. Sheriff's Deputies associated the guns with Mr. Halverson and confirmed one of them was reported stolen.

Elijah Andrew James Halverson was lodged in the Washington County Jail. He was charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm, First Degree Aggravated Theft (Firearm), Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Attempted Burglary, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespassing and several outstanding Warrants. He is held without the possibility of bail and will likely face additional charges as the investigation continues.

