

# MEDIA RELEASE

## **Update #4: Suspect Who Shot Deputies Booked into Jail**

August 23, 2019

Earlier this afternoon, Dante James Halling, 56, was released from a local hospital. Deputies arrested him on warrants from Multnomah County and lodged him at the Multnomah County Jail.

In addition to the Multnomah County warrants, Mr. Halling faces new charges for shooting two Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies on August 8, 2019. These charges include two counts of attempted murder, assault in the first degree and assault in the second degree.



Previous media releases are included below.

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## **Update #3: Names Released of the Deputies and Officers Involved**

August 14, 2019

The following individuals from the Washington County Sheriff's Office were involved in the shooting on August 8, 2019:

Sergeant John Crecelius - 16 years with the Sheriff's Office  
Corporal Jeremy Braun - 16 years with the Sheriff's Office  
Corporal Cade Edwards - 16 years with the Sheriff's Office  
Deputy Justin Pelletteri - 11 years with the Sheriff's Office  
Deputy Steve Nichols - 10 years with the Sheriff's Office  
Deputy Chris Iverson - 7 years with the Sheriff's Office

Detective Kevin Winfield from the Tualatin Police Department and Officer Jose Cabrera from the Hillsboro Police Department were also involved in the incident. Detective Kevin Winfield has been with the Tualatin Police Department for 27 years and Officer Jose Cabrera has been with the Hillsboro Police Department for 5 years.

The shooting suspect, Mr. Dante James Halling, is still receiving medical care at a local hospital, and further information is not available at this time on his condition.



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Corporal Jeremy Braun and Deputy Chris Iverson were both wounded during the shooting. Deputy Chris Iverson was treated and released at a local hospital on the night of the shooting. Corporal Jeremy Braun is still at an area hospital and remains in serious but stable condition.

Community members have inquired how to donate money to the wounded deputies. The [Washington County Sheriff's Office Foundation](#) has set up the only approved donation site on their Web page, which can be found [here](#). Please note in the comment section on the page that the donation is for the injured deputies.

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## **UPDATE #2: Suspect Named in Hagg Lake Shooting, Public Tips Sought**

August 12, 2019

The Washington County Major Crimes Team has identified 56-year-old Dante James Halling as the suspect who shot two deputies on Thursday, August 8, 2019. Mr. Halling is still receiving treatment at a local hospital and there is no update on his condition. Although he has not yet been charged related to the events on Thursday, Mr. Halling is being held on two unrelated felony warrants which were both issued in December 2018. The first warrant was issued by Multnomah County for violating his probation on a prior conviction for attempted assault. The second warrant was issued by the Oregon State Parole Board for a parole violation. The most recent mug shot, from Multnomah County in September 2018, is attached.

The second photo attached was taken of Mr. Halling on Thursday near Hagg Lake prior to the shooting. He was photographed wearing boots, high white socks, dark shorts, a dark top, and was wearing a bag or backpack.

The Major Crimes Team is looking for more information about Mr. Halling's recent activities and whereabouts. Specifically, if you saw Mr. Halling, spoke with him, or know anything about his activities or whereabouts in the weeks prior to the shooting on Thursday, please call the tip line at 503-846-2500.

There is no update on the condition of either deputy injured in the shooting. The Sheriff's Office is grateful for the many kind words and thoughts from the community as the deputies continue to recover.

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## **UPDATE: Hagg Lake Shooting Investigation**

August 9, 2019

One of our deputies remains in serious condition at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) following Thursday's shooting near Hagg Lake. The other deputy that was wounded has been treated and released from an area hospital and is now recovering at home. Our focus remains on respecting the privacy of our wounded deputies and their families. Their names will be released at a later time.

At a news conference Thursday evening, Sheriff Pat Garrett said, "My sincerest appreciation to the many local agencies who responded to transport the injured deputies to safety and to provide ongoing medical care."

The shooting suspect is still receiving medical care and further information is not available at this time. The investigation into the events of Thursday afternoon continues in the 54700 block of SW Scoggins Valley Road. The Washington County Major Crimes Team (MCT) was activated by the Washington County District Attorney's Office and will be the lead investigators on this incident.

Our Mobile Command Center will likely remain there through the rest of the day while evidence is processed. The Washington County Sheriff's Office Forensics Science Unit and Property and Evidence Units, the interagency Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART), Remotely Operated Vehicle Team (ROVT), and forensics investigators from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office are all working together to aid the investigation.

Due to the sensitive and complex nature of the investigation, more information and details will be released when it is appropriate to do so.

Finally, the Washington County Sheriff's Office continues to be overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from our community. We thank everyone for their kind words and warm wishes.

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## **Two deputies shot by theft suspect near Hagg Lake**

August 8, 2019

On Thursday August 8, 2019 at 2:16 p.m., deputies responded to a theft of a long gun at a residence in the 54700 block of SW Scoggins Valley Rd in Gaston. It was reported that the suspect was last seen going into the woods. Due to the terrain of the area and information that the suspect was armed, the



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Washington County Tactical Negotiation Team (TNT) was brought in to assist with searching for the suspect. While TNT members were looking for the suspect, he began shooting at them. Two deputies were shot by the suspect and multiple TNT members returned fire, injuring the suspect.

Immediately, our injured deputies began receiving medical care from a Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue paramedic, who is assigned to TNT. As soon as the injured deputies were evacuated, they were provided medical care from our partners at Gaston Fire, Cornelius Fire, and Metro West. One deputy was taken by air ambulance to a nearby trauma hospital. He sustained serious injuries. A second injured deputy was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspect surrendered to deputies after sustaining gunshot wounds. He was transported to an area hospital and his condition is unknown.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office extends their gratitude to Cornelius Police, Forest Grove Police, Beaverton Police, Hillsboro Police, Tigard Police, Sherwood Police, Tualatin Police, Oregon State Police, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, Portland Police Bureau, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Lifelight Network, Metro West, Cornelius Fire, Gaston Fire, Forest Grove Fire, and Washington County Consolidated Community Agency.

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