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PRESS RELEASE

Garden Home Man Arrested following Disturbance with a Sword

October 23, 2016—A Garden Home man was arrested after attacking his landlord with a sword. Both men live in the same residence.

On October 22, 2016 at 7:11 p.m. Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to a disturbance in the 7600 block of SW 67th Avenue in the community of Garden Home. It was reported that Gregory Barsaloux, 56, (Photo Inset) had used a Samurai type sword in an attempt to injure his landlord.

Shortly after arriving on scene, Sheriff's Deputies were able to remove the victim and found he was unharmed. Sheriff's Deputies contained the house and attempted contact with Mr. Barsaloux. It was discovered Mr. Barsaloux armed himself with a rifle and he began making threats to harm deputies. Neighboring residents were evacuated to keep them out of danger.

The Washington County Tactical Negotiation Team (TNT) and the Washington County Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU) were called to assist. Negotiators were able to make contact with Mr. Barsaloux by phone to try and convince him to come out for a peaceful resolution. After nearly three hours, Mr. Barsaloux exited the house armed with a shotgun. Mr. Barsaloux followed commands to drop the shotgun and was taken into custody.

Mr. Barsaloux was lodged at the Washington County Jail, held on \$250,000 bail. He is charged with First Degree Attempted Assault, two counts of Menacing, Unlawful Use of a Weapon and First Degree Criminal Mischief.

