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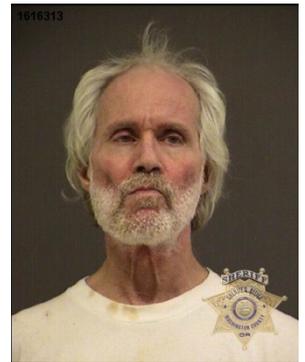
PRESS RELEASE

Man Burns Neighbors Truck and Fires Gun in Neighborhood

December 12, 2016 -- Last night a man was arrested after a six-hour standoff with Sheriff's deputies. The man was accused of setting his neighbors truck on fire and then threatening him with a gun. He was eventually arrested and taken to jail.

On Sunday, December 11, 2016, at 7:26 p.m., Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of 4100 NW Carlton Court, in the community of Rock Creek, on a call of a disturbance with a weapon. Neighbors reported that Judson Russell Holden, 63, had set his neighbor's truck on fire with gasoline and was threatening people with a shotgun. Neighbors also reported hearing gunfire and deputies later found spent shotgun shells in the street.

Deputies arrived and tried to communicate with Mr. Holden who was back inside his house with his 95-year-old mother. Mr. Holden was not cooperative with deputies and would not come out of his house. Deputies decided to call in the Washington County Tactical Negotiations Team (TNT), the Washington County Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU), and Sheriff's detectives.



Holden Booking Photo

During the next several hours' negotiators tried to reason with Mr. Holden. At times he would come out of his house holding the shotgun and yelling obscenities. At one point while Mr. Holden was outside the house, TNT members were able to get Mr. Holden's mother out of the house safely. She was not injured during the incident.

Mr. Holden went back into his house and the decision was made to use a gas irritant to persuade him to come out. Although Mr. Holden had a gas mask, the gas proved to be too much for him and he eventually surrendered. He was taken into custody at 1:50 a.m.

Mr. Holden was taken to the Washington County Jail where he was booked on charges of Arson I, Menacing, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Investigators are still looking into the reason Mr. Holden became violent tonight. None of the neighbors were injured. The neighbor's truck received significant damage from the fire.