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Headline: Investigation results regarding death of Salma Hayek's dog.

Details:

On Feb. 19, 2016, Kelly Littlejohn called the Thurston County Sheriff's Office to report the shooting of a dog. Kelly works for Salma Hayek as a caretaker of the property located south of Yelm, WA.

Kelly told the deputy that she went for a horseback ride along with a few dogs. At the end of a road, the dogs took off running towards the sounds of other dogs barking on an adjacent piece of property.

Kelly later regrouped the dogs and headed back towards her residence. Mozart, a Belgian Malinois dog ventured off a different path. Kelly arrived home and realized Mozart was missing. Kelly returned to the last place she saw Mozart and located him deceased on a trail.

A necropsy was conducted on Mozart at the request of Mrs. Hayek. It was conducted at a Yelm Veterinary Clinic. It was determined that a .177 cal. lead pellet was found to have traveled between two ribs and then nicked a pulmonary artery causing Mozart to internally bleed out.

On Feb. 28, 2016, the deputy made contact with a residence on Kismet Ln. SE which was identified as the residence where the dogs ran to by Kelly. The property owner was contacted and admitted to shooting at one of the dogs with his pellet gun. Mr. Lund was not aware that the dog had actually be struck because the dog kept running after he fired the one shot.

According to Mr. Lund, his garage door was open and he was inside the residence when he heard what sounded like a dog fight in his garage. He opened the man door and observed the two neighbor's dogs engaged in a fight with his two German Sheppard's. Mr. Lund grabbed his air rifle from his living room and aimed at the behind of the one that looked like a German Sheppard and both dogs then ran off his property.

The case will be forwarded to the Thurston County Prosecutor's Office for their review.

Sheriff John Snaza will be holding a press conference at 1:30pm to answer questions regarding this investigatin. The location will be held outside at the point which is at the north end of the parking lot.