

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, May 14th at approximately 6:50 in the evening, a citizen was driving up the Lakeridge Drive in front of the Thurston County Courthouse. As he neared the intersection of Lakeridge Drive and Lakeridge Way, he heard what he believed to be 4 – 6 gunshots off to his left.

The citizen saw a black male running down the south courthouse driveway, toward the Thurston County Correction Facility.

The citizen also saw a black male exit between two buildings on Lakeridge Drive, run along Lakeridge Drive, bolt into an apartment complex parking lot, get into a vehicle and leave the area.

The citizen followed the vehicle down Lakeridge Drive and south onto Deschutes Parkway toward Tumwater. The vehicle was last seen in the area of Deschutes Parkway and Interstate – 5.

The victim, a 22 year-old male and an inmate in Work Release at the Thurston County Correction Facility, was taken to Saint Peter Hospital in Olympia where he was being treated for gunshot wounds to the chest and upper arm. The victim's injuries do not appear to be life threatening.

Immediately after the shooting was reported, the Thurston County Courthouse was locked down until the area was secured by law enforcement.

The investigation is continuing, and is being conducted by the Thurston County Sheriff's Office and the Olympia Police Department.

**Submitted by:
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