



# News Release

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## Gunshot wound leads to arrest of Sex Offender

OLYMPIA – A wanted sex offender was arrested yesterday by a Sheriff's Office detective who was investigating the suspect's self inflicted gunshot wound. On 12/4/07 at about 4:45 P.M., Deputies were called to a residence in the 4500 blk. of 121<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.E. Tenino, for a man with a gunshot wound to his foot. Investigation revealed that a man using the name of David Guenther, had accidentally shot himself with a shotgun in the right foot. The man's dog which was lying nearby at the time of the discharge was also wounded. Both were transported for medical attention. However, the man had failed to report the incident when it occurred on 12/03/07 and the weapon used was missing from the residence.

Based on the suspicious circumstances, a Detective was called out that evening to investigate. The investigation indicates that the gunshot wound was probably accidental. However, it was discovered that the man who was injured used a false name and was really a wanted felon. Detectives were able to identify the man as David James Kaluna, age 40, who was wanted on a Department of Corrections warrant for Escape from community custody. He was taken into custody on that warrant on 12/6/07 and booked into the county jail where he was subsequently transferred to D.O.C. custody. In addition, Mr. Kaluna is a convicted felon who cannot possess firearms and has an extensive criminal history including a Molestation of a Child 1<sup>st</sup> degree conviction which requires that he register as a sex offender. Mr. Kaluna admitted to living at the 121<sup>st</sup> address for over a month. He had not registered with the Sheriff's Office. He has several prior Failing to register convictions out of Pierce County. Hence, additional charges of Failing to register as a Sex Offender, Illegal possession of a firearm, and Obstructing a Public Servant will be forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office on Mr. Kaluna. Chief J. Chamberlain