



News Release

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On December 17 2009, at approximately 6:40 pm, deputies from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office responded to the 700 block of Lucerne Lane SE for numerous reports of shots being fired.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered an adult male lying in the road, the victim of an apparent gunshot wound. Emergency Service personnel responded to the scene and removed the victim. The victim was pronounced dead a short time later.

The victim, who was shot at least once in the back, is a 21-year-old male with an Olympia address. The Thurston County Coroner's Office has not yet released his name.

The shooting was the result of a physical confrontation involving a small number of individuals, including the deceased and the suspect. The underlying dispute was over property.

Based on the investigation, the Thurston County Sheriff's Office has developed probable cause to arrest **John Chinh VU** for Murder in the 2nd degree.

John Chinh VU is described as a 41-year-old Asian male, 5-08, 130 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and a mustache.



John Chinh VU

John Chinh VU is considered **armed and dangerous**.

Anyone with any information is encouraged to call Detective Haller of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office at 360-786-5279, their local law enforcement agency, or 9-1-1.