



# News Release

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**Headline:** Accidental Gun Shot Leads to Reckless Endangerment Arrest

**Details:**

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at approximately 10:47 pm., TCSO Patrol Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 9,000 block of Boulder Lane SE. in Rural Olympia, Wa..

A male caller at the residence was reporting an accidental gunshot resulting in injury to a 20-year-old female and a 1-year old infant girl. There was a request for medical aid which was immediately dispatch along with the Deputies. Upon arrival of TCSO Deputies, the scene was secured and aid units transported the injured parties to local Hospitals.

TCSO Detectives responded to the scene and investigated. The investigation revealed the following scenario for this incident:

Six adults at the residence were having a party in which alcoholic beverages, Marijuana and Ecstasy were being consumed. One of the male subjects has a concealed carry permit and was armed with a Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun which was holstered in his waistline. At some point the party goers decided to compare their tattoos. The gun owner opted to remove his firearm, still within its holster so that he could remove his pants to show a leg tattoo. He handed the gun off to another male subject who in turn handed it off to a third male subject. This third male subject removed the gun from its holster and began to manipulate the firearm in apparent fashion to show it off to a 20-year-old female party goer who was holding a 1-year old female infant on her hip. The male subject accidentally discharged a single round and the bullet struck and went completely through the infant's leg, just below the knee. The bullet then continued into the pelvis area of the female holding the child.

As a result of the investigation, 21-year-old Stetson Michael Bird of Lacey, Wa. was booked to TCSO Jail for the crime of Reckless Endangerment. The names of the two injured parties are not being released now. The only medical status known at the time of this press release were updates provided by family members who were with them. Both were said to be in active surgery but stable condition.

