

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 07-601

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: January 20, 2007/3:58 A.M.

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: January 21, 2007/5:15 A.M.

NATURE OF STORY: Gun Shot Wound

LOCATION: Residence (unknown address) in the Marcola area

**INVOLVED: Ward, Justin Vernon, DOB 02-17-83
1125 Hayden Bridge Road
Springfield, OR 97477**

CHARGES: Felon in Possession of a Firearm

DETAILS: On January 20th 2007, Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to McKenzie Willamette Hospital regarding an individual who was brought in with a gun shot wound.

Deputies learned from the victim, Justin Ward, that he was at an acquaintance's house in the Marcola area when he accidentally shot himself in the upper left thigh. Ward told deputies that he was attempting to unload a 380 cal. handgun to clean it when it fired. Ward's injury was non-life threatening and he was treated and released.

Ward was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm, however due to his injury he was cited and released.

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