

NEWS RELEASE

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CASE NUMBER: 09-1843

DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT: 03-06-09 - 7:38 pm

DATE / TIME OF RELEASE: 03-07-09 - 2:30 am

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Shooting

LOCATION: Mohawk Recreation Area, off McGowan Creek Road

INVOLVED: Stevenson, Timothy S., 60, of Eugene
Hospitalized with multiple gunshot wounds

Wilson, Channon A., 37, of Eugene
Hospitalized with a gunshot wound

Wilson, Cheyenne E. 32, of Eugene
Uninjured

DETAILS:

At approximately 7:38 pm on 03-06-09, the Lane County Sheriff's Office was advised of a shooting incident that had taken place in the Mohawk Recreation Area, northeast of Springfield.

Initial reports were confusing, since cellular service is unreliable in the area and one of the victims called an acquaintance who then relayed information to 9-1-1 calltakers. Ultimately it was determined that the incident had taken place in the McGowan Creek area and several deputies searched the vicinity. A victim on a cell phone was finally able to direct deputies to the scene from the sound of Sheriff's Office sirens.

The first deputies on the scene found a man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, subsequently identified as Timothy Stevenson of Eugene. Stevenson was on the ground near a vehicle. Minutes later a second victim was found a short distance away in the brush. This man, identified as Channon Wilson of Eugene, had also been shot. A third man, this one uninjured, identified as Cheyenne Wilson, was found hiding in the area a few minutes later.

Stevenson was believed to be seriously injured and was airlifted to a local hospital by Life Flight air

ambulance. Channon Wilson was transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital.

Several firearms were discovered in the area and were taken as evidence.

The Mohawk Recreation Area is under the control of the Bureau of Land Management.

Initial investigation suggests that Channon Wilson and his brother Cheyenne had been target shooting in a remote part of the Mohawk Recreation Area when Stevenson came to the same place. The Wilson brothers and Stevenson are not believed to have been acquainted prior to this encounter. At some point, a confrontation took place and all three men apparently fired weapons. Stevenson and Channon Wilson were struck by gunfire.

Sheriff's Office deputies are continuing to investigate this incident and it appears that alcohol may have been involved. At the conclusion of that inquiry, the Lane County District Attorney's Office will review the circumstances which may lead to criminal charges.

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