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Sheriff's detectives investigate shooting death in West Central Kitsap; one person in custody

Seabeck, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives are investigating the shooting death of a man at his rural home in the Seabeck area of the county, close to the Hood Canal.

A family member is presently in custody in connection with the man's death.

The Kitsap County Coroner has confirmed the identity of the victim as Russell Kenneth Warren, age 61.

Sheriff's patrol deputies were dispatched to property in the 2800 block of Komichan Lane NW, in the community of Nellita, following a series of calls to 911 from the residence reporting that a man had been shot by his son. The initial call was received at 12:38 p.m.

Further reports were broadcast that the suspect had left the scene; a description of the suspect and the vehicle he was driving was broadcast to law enforcement. The suspect was identified as Martin K. Warren, age 34.

Emergency units from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, also en route to Komichan Lane, observed the suspect's vehicle pass them heading eastbound and this information was relayed to responding Sheriff's units. Patrol deputies conducted a traffic stop of the suspect's vehicle approximately nine miles from the scene of the shooting. Martin Warren was taken into custody without incident, at 12:53 p.m., near the intersection of NW Holly Road and Seabeck Highway NW. The vehicle, a 1992 Ford F-150, was impounded.

Co-incident with the stop and arrest of the suspect, other responding patrol deputies arrived at the property on Komichan Lane and encountered three household members. Deputies entered the residence and found the victim on the floor of the living room with apparent gunshot injuries. Deputies cleared the building and secured the property and the surrounding area pending arrival of Sheriff's detectives to initiate their investigation.

The suspect was transported and booked into jail on a charge of murder, 1st degree, with bail set at \$1,000,000. It is expected that Martin Warren will make an initial appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court tomorrow (Tue., 10/12/2004), at 3:00 p.m.

The investigation into the shooting continues; however initial contact with family members at the scene indicates that a dispute over the use of a vehicle preceded the incident.

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