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**Follow-up investigation:**

## **Central Kitsap youth arrested in connection with accidental shooting**

**Ref: Kitsap County Sheriff's Office news release #06-012, dated March 16, 2006**

**Silverdale, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives arrested a Central Kitsap teenager last night, in connection with an on-going investigation into an accidental shooting last week. The arrest took place at the youth's home. The 14 year-old was transported from his house and booked into juvenile detention on charges of assault, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and reckless endangerment.

The arrest stems from a gunshot injury sustained by a 14 year-old boy which occurred during the afternoon of March 16, in a second floor bedroom of a residence in the Woodcrest community of Central Kitsap, north of Silverdale. The arrested youth lives in the house where the incident took place.

The victim, also of Central Kitsap, sustained a single bullet wound to the abdomen. He was transported to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Tacoma, where he underwent surgery. He is presently still hospitalized in stable condition.

During the course of the initial investigation Sheriff's detectives recovered a 9mm semi-automatic handgun, the weapon involved in the shooting. The gun is reported to belong to the father of the arrested juvenile.

The investigation determined that two other juveniles were also at the house but left the residence prior to the shooting. The investigation has further revealed that the arrested juvenile was intentionally pointing the firearm at others inside the house.

A search warrant was served at the residence where the incident occurred and evidence has been collected.

The investigation into the shooting continues.

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