

SHOOTING

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used by the suspect. Skamania County dive team found the .44 handgun in about seven feet of water after about 20 minutes of searching. The water was calm and clear, and the weapon was located about 15 feet from shore — the expected distance, based on eyewitness accounts, according to authorities.

"Fortunately, conditions Sunday were perfect: no wind, so the water was calm and the silt had settled, and the sun coming from the east made it easy to see," Hood River Police Chief Neal Holste said.

The two men apparently did not know each other, and detectives are attempting to ascertain motive, according to Hood River Chief Neal Holste. Wright works at the Goodwill donation center next to Walmart, according to Det. Mike Martin.

"There was no provocation, the victim didn't know the suspect," said Martin. "(Wright) went down to hang out, and he was napping in his truck, and was woken by the suspect confronting him."

Martin said Wright was unclear what Sackett said, but responded, "I don't know you," and tried to leave. Sackett allegedly opened fire as Wright started to drive away. The first rounds hit the windshield, and others hit the back of the cap as Wright drove away.

Wright was hit in his left forearm, right wrist, neck and head, Martin said.

Wright told Martin Monday he expected to be released by Wednesday; Wright and officials from Legacy Emmanuel were not available for comment.

Divers retrieved an ammo clip and loose rounds, along with a hat witnesses said Sackett was wearing.

The evidence was taken Tuesday morning to the Oregon Crime Lab in Clackamas County.

"We do know it is the weapon used," Holste said, "though we can officially confirm that after the crime lab looks at it." Divers recommended that detectives store the weapon and ammo in a ziplock bag filled with river water to prevent rusting.

On Tuesday, investigators planned to have a close look at both vehicles, which are in the impound lot.

Officers responded to a report of shots fired at the Hood River Marina. According to witnesses a man, later identified as Sackett fired several shots into in Wrights' F150 truck at the north end of the marina.

Sackett fled eastbound across the marina, stripped off his clothing and jumped into the Columbia River and swam to the adjacent riverbank. Holste said witnesses saw Sackett throw the handgun he allegedly used into the water at the end of the jetty. Sackett emerged naked from the water and wrapped himself in a plastic bag he found on shore, according to Martin. Police located Sackett and took him into custody a short time later at a nearby gas station.

Wright was able to drive himself to downtown Hood River area before getting



help. He came to a stop on Second near Oak Street, adjacent to the Hood River Police Department. Wright had to drive off the jetty and the half-mile trip down Portway Avenue to Button Bridge Road, enter the freeway and then exit it at Second Street, and go left nearly three blocks before stopping.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call Martin at the Hood River Police Department, 541-387-5256.



SKAMANIA COUNTY diver comes up with the suspect weapon at the end of the jetty Sunday morning. Ammunition and a hat were also retrieved from the water. Lack of silt and angled morning sun enhanced visibility for the divers. The Hood River County Sheriff's marine vessel kept watch on the channel, escorting one pleasure craft past the scene while divers were in the water.

Photos by Kirby Neumann-Rea

SHERIFF LOG

April 20 to 26

All calls were responded to within the County of Hood River.

Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:

None reported.

Controlled substance violations (non-DUI):

April 21 — Dee Highway, 3000 block — Deputy assisted the probation officer with the arrest of a male. Upon the male entering NORCOR, he disclosed the possession of a controlled substance and was subsequently lodged on that charge as well.

April 26 — Old Dalles Drive, 1800 block — Search of a residence conducted as per the homeowner's request.

Disorderly conduct, mischief, criminal trespass and vandalism:

None reported.

Driving under the influence of intoxicants:

None reported.

Identity theft or bank/credit card fraud:

None reported.

Motor vehicle crashes, offenses and impounds:

April 20 — Davis Drive, 3600 block — Hit and run reported.

April 24 — Highway 35, 48 road, Parkdale — Non-injury roll over traffic crash reported.

April 24 — Highway 35 near milepost 100 — Vehicle fire reported. The driver

and her dog were uninjured.

April 24 — Cascade Locks — Male cited and released for failing to stop and weigh the commercial vehicle he was driving.

April 25 — Hood River — A vehicle was towed from I-84 after a traffic stop. The driver was cited with exceeding the posted speed limit and no operator's license. The vehicle was a traffic hazard and was towed from the emergency lane.

April 25 — Hood River — Vehicle stopped for speeding. The operator was cited for the speed, driving while suspended and driving uninsured. The vehicle was towed.

April 25 — E. Marina Drive, 1000 block — Male cited for driving with a suspended license and failure to carry proof of insurance. This was after observing him drive after just receiving a citation for violation driving while suspended from a Hood River Police Department officer. The vehicle was towed.

April 26 — Hood River — Mosier male arrested for misdemeanor driving while suspended.

Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:

April 20 — Indian Creek Road, 1200 block — Juvenile male arrested for a probation violation and theft III and lodged at NORCOR Juvenile.

April 26 — Second Street,

100 block — Brownstown, Wash., male arrested on four warrants. He was lodged at NORCOR. The rear passenger was taken into custody of the Hood River Police Department for possession of methamphetamine; the driver was released with a verbal warning.

Theft, burglary or robbery:

April 21 — Lower Mill Drive, 3000 block — Theft of gasoline reported.

April 22 — State Street, 300 block — Aggravated theft reported.

April 24 — Eagle Creek Trailhead, Cascade Locks — Vehicle reported to have been broken into.

Sex offenses:

April 20 — 22nd Street — Report regarding a convicted sex offender received; the offender was believed to be working in Oregon without first registering as a sex offender.

Other:

April 23 — Dethman Ridge Drive, 2900 block — Death investigated.

April 23 — Tucker Road, 900 block — Juvenile female reported as a runaway. She was later located and returned home.

April 24 — Ehrck Hill Drive, 3500 block — Runaway juvenile reported.

April 25 — Second and Oak streets — Deputy responded in regards of a victim of multiple gunshots showing up in the area as an agency assist.

ARREST

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hospital and is recovering from injuries, according to a news release from the Hood River Police Department.

Sackett was arraigned Monday at the Hood River County Courthouse on three charges: attempted murder,

assault first degree and tampering with evidence. If convicted, Sackett faces up to life in prison for attempted murder, a minimum of 7.5 years for assault first degree and \$6,000 in fines for tampering with evidence.

Sackett appeared before Judge John Olson at the court via video feed from Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility in The Dalles Monday morning.

Hood River District Attorney John Sewell recommended a bail of \$50,000, "given the severity of the charges."

Olson carried out the bail recommendation and ordered that Sackett have no contact with the victim, as well as no possession of intoxicants or deadly weapons.

Olson set the next court appearance for Sackett on May 12.

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