



## WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# News Release

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### **Man Arrested after Accidently Shooting into Neighbors House**

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#### **Summary of Event**

An Aloha man accidently discharged his AR-15 rifle in his house. The round passed through the wall and through the wall of the neighbors house where it struck a light fixture. No one was injured.

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#### **Full Details**

On January 10, 2012, a caregiver at an Aloha adult transition home heard glass break in the house. He found a ceiling light fixture broken in one of the bedrooms, but did not know what caused it to break. The next day, they discovered a bullet hole in the bedroom wall.

Sheriff's deputies were called to investigate the bullet hole. They determined that the shot likely came from 4430 SW 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Aloha. They went to the house and saw an area on the side of the house that appeared to have been recently patched and painted. The location of the patch job was consistent with the location where the bullet would have exited the house.

Deputies attempted to contact the neighbor, 47-year-old Allan Baku, but he was not home. Over the last two days deputies have attempted to interview Mr. Baku, but they were not able contact him until this afternoon (January 14). The investigating deputies found him at home. Mr. Baku told them that he recently purchased an AR-15 Rifle. He said he did not know very much about the weapon and he was messing around with it in his house. He said he accidently discharged a round that went through the wall of his house.

Mr. Baku said he went outside to look where the bullet had gone. He saw that it passed completely through the wall, but he did not go to the neighbor's house to see if anyone was hurt. Mr. Baku was frightened by the incident and decided to return the rifle to the store.

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Mr. Baku was arrested and transported to the Washington County Jail where he was charged with Recklessly Endangering another Person, Tampering with Evidence, and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.