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Shooting

Update 3/7/2024, 10:30 a.m. – Kanawha County Sheriff's Office Detectives have charged Aweis Mohamed Abdi, 29 years old of Columbus, Ohio with one count of felony malicious wounding with last night's shooting in Rand.

When deputies initially responded to the scene, they located a semi-automatic handgun believed to have been used in the crime. Bystanders told deputies that Abdi had shot the female victim and left in a silver SUV with the female victim and an eight-year-old child inside.

During the investigation, deputies learned the suspect may be taking the victim and child back to Ohio, so they began a multi-county search for the vehicle and found it to be likely traveling west on Interstate 64. Deputies were able to locate the vehicle and coordinated with other 911 centers in the state along with the West Virginia State Police. The vehicle was stopped off the 29th Street Exit in Huntington by WVSP and the suspect was apprehended.

The female victim was located inside the vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound and the eight-year-old child was unharmed. The victim was transported to Saint Mary's Hospital in Huntington where she remains in stable condition.

Aweis Mohamed Abdi was arraigned this morning in Cabell County by a Cabell County Magistrate. A bond was set for \$50,000.00 cash and he remains at Western Regional Jail.

We will hold a press conference today at 1:30 p.m. at Kanawha County Sheriff's Office concerning the incident and will take any additional questions at that time.



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Rand, WV- On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, around 10:50 p.m., Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a shooting in the 300 block of Davidson Avenue in Rand. Residents of the neighborhood called 911 advising their neighbors were fighting when a gunshot was fired.

Deputies arrived on the scene and learned a male allegedly shot a female in the face, and they left with two other occupants in a gray Dodge Journey with an Ohio registration.

Deputies were able to track the Dodge Journey and caught up with them in Cabell County. The vehicle exited at 29th Street in Huntington and was located by West Virginia State Police. Troopers stopped the Dodge Journey and detained the suspect.

The female inside was confirmed to have a gunshot wound and she was transported to an area hospital.

This investigation is developing, and additional information will be released as it becomes available.



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