

MEDIA RELEASE

Man Accidentally Fires His Gun Into an Occupied Neighboring Apartment

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On October 27, 2020, at 6:51 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a shooting call at the Timber Creek Apartments located at 12220 NW Barnes Road in the Cedar Mill neighborhood. Upon arrival, deputies learned 26-year-old Brandon Brown accidentally shot a firearm into his apartment floor. Mr. Brown's apartment is located on the building's second story, and the bullet traveled into the apartment directly below him, where it went through the mattress and box spring of a bed.

Multiple family members were in the apartment below Mr. Brown's. After talking to the family, deputies learned a 2-year-old boy had been playing in the bedroom where the bullet landed. Fortunately, the 2-year-old boy was uninjured.

Mr. Brown told deputies he had been at a bar earlier in the night, and once he got home, he decided to clean his gun. Mr. Brown said he thought the gun's chamber was clear when he began cleaning it, but it was not. Mr. Brown told deputies he immediately went to check on the family living in the apartment below him after he accidentally fired his gun.



Mr. Brown was visibly intoxicated and admitted to consuming a few beers at the bar before cleaning his gun.

Mr. Brown was issued a citation in-lieu of arrest for Reckless Endangering, and his Smith & Wesson 45 caliber handgun was seized for evidence.

The Washington County Sheriffs Office wants to urge the importance of gun safety. Washington County Sheriff's Office Range Master, Cpl. Dan Muehleck says, "I encourage all firearm owners to exercise caution when handling a gun and treat each gun as if it was loaded."



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