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## **Beaverton Officer Assaulted During Welfare Check**

On May 09th, 2023, at approximately 1016 AM, a Beaverton Police Officer was dispatched to conduct a welfare check at the intersection of SW Allen Blvd. and SW Erickson Ave. following a report from a concerned citizen regarding a male lying on the sidewalk. Upon arriving at the scene, the officer attempted to contact the individual, later identified as 35-year-old William Joseph Schott of Portland, to check on his well-being.

During the officer's interaction with Schott, investigators say Schott launched an attack, resulting in a violent physical assault. Investigators believe that during the attack, Schott strangled the officer, causing injuries to the officer's head and neck. Because of the potential injuries caused by strangulation, the officer was subsequently treated and released by a local hospital.

After the attack, Schott fled on foot and was taken into custody minutes later, less than a mile away from where the assault occurred. During an interview, Schott told investigators he was homeless and a user of methamphetamine. Based on witness testimony and evidence gathered during the investigation, Schott has been charged with multiple crimes including Resisting Arrest, Strangulation, and Assaulting Public Safety Officer, a C felony.

Schott is a convicted felon, with a criminal record consisting of 21 arrests in Oregon dating back to 2008. Schott has been arrested multiple times for Strangulation and Assault. Schott was arrested and convicted of Attempting to Assault a Public Safety Officer and Resisting Arrest in March 2016, in Clackamas County, OR. Schott also has a felony conviction for methamphetamine possession resulting from a September 21, 2014, arrest by the Portland Police Bureau.

This case has been referred to the Washington County District Attorney's Office for prosecution. Anyone with information regarding this case or any other similar cases involving Schott is encouraged to contact the Beaverton Police Department at 503-526-2260.

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