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One deceased, one injured in early morning shooting incident

Suspect in custody

Update 04/05/2024 | 5:30 p.m.

Detectives have arrested Arlie Calvin Michael Thompson, age 23 of Salem, as part of the shooting incident Wallace Marine Park on April 4, 2024 which resulted in the death of Charley Allen Hodges and left another man injured.

At approximately 3:15 p.m. today, a Salem Police SWAT team served a search warrant at a residence in the 4800 block of Northstar CT NE and arrested Thompson without incident.

Thompson will be lodged at the [Polk County Jail](#) on the following charges:

- Murder, second-degree
- Attempted murder, first-degree
- Kidnap, first-degree
- Unlawful use of a weapon

Given the apprehension of the suspect in this case, any further media inquiries into this investigation should be directed to the [Polk County District Attorney's Office](#).

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Update 04/04/2024 | 3:15 p.m.

Violent Crimes Unit detectives continue to investigate this morning's shooting incident at Wallace Marine Park.

The initial investigation indicates a dispute over property occurred at a homeless campsite in the north side of the park. During the argument, one of the men fired a gun which killed 29-year-old Charley Allen Hodges and injured a 25-year-old man. No other weapons were used in the incident.

The identity of the surviving victim, who remains hospitalized, is not being released at this time pending notification to family.

No arrests have been made, and the investigation into the incident continues.

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Wallace Marine Park is now open to the public.

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Salem, Ore. — Salem Police officers are actively investigating a shooting incident which occurred over night in Wallace Marine Park.

Just after 3:00 a.m. today, officers were called to the north area of the park on the report of a shooting incident. Officers located one adult male victim with a gunshot wound and deceased. Another adult man was found with a gunshot wound and transported to Salem Health with a non-life-threatening injury.

Wallace Marine Park remains closed, and residents should avoid the area while the scene is investigated.

The incident is an active investigation and no arrests have been made at this point.

“We understand there is much speculative information on social media concerning the incident,” said public information officer Angela Hedrick, “We ask the public to follow our communications platforms for details concerning this investigation.”

As additional information becomes available, an update will be published.

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