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Stolen vehicle investigation leads to four arrests *Additional arrest, second motorcyclist now in custody*

On July 17, Felony Crimes Unit detectives arrested the second suspect in a shots-fired incident that occurred last week.

Brian Lee English, age 28 of Salem, was arrested for his involvement in a shooting incident on July 11. That day, while detectives were conducting a motorcycle theft investigation at a storage facility in the 1800 block of 22nd ST SE, two motorcycle riders drove up near the business and one of the men fired a gun into the air in plain view of the officers.

The motorcyclists then fled the scene. One rider, Zayn Free Bristow, age 25 of Mill City, was apprehended after a pursuit ensued when Bristow was located. Bristow was arrested; however, the second motorcyclist, English, escaped.

On Wednesday afternoon, detectives located English outside a residence in the 1500 block of B ST NE. English tried to flee but was apprehended a short time later with the assistance of a [Marion County Sheriff's Office](#) K9 Team. A backpack was located near where English was hiding and was seized. A search warrant was obtained for the backpack, and a handgun was found inside. English is now lodged at the [Marion County Jail](#) on the following charges:

- Unlawful use of a weapon, a firearm
- Felon in possession of a firearm
- Menacing
- Reckless endangering

English will be arraigned today at 2:30 p.m. at the [Marion County Criminal Court Annex](#).

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SMP24058964 Firearm seized in the July 17 arrest

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Salem, Ore. — The Felony Crime Unit investigators arrested several individuals today as part of two separate investigations involving stolen motorcycles.

The overall investigation led the detectives to a storage facility in the 1800 block of 22nd ST SE. Detectives located one of the stolen motorcycles and three suspects, two adults and a juvenile. They attempted to escape in a vehicle but were apprehended. The service of a search warrant for the involved vehicle and the storage unit resulted in the seizure of a short-barreled shotgun, a handgun, body armor, and several pieces of stolen mail.

At approximately 10:20 a.m., while detectives were still at the scene, two motorcycle riders arrived in the area in plain sight of the officers. One of the riders fired multiple gunshots into the air, then the two fled at a high rate of speed.

The suspects were spotted about 15 minutes later near State ST and Lancaster DR, and a pursuit was initiated with one of the suspects. The pursuit ended near Lancaster DR and Rickey ST SE when the fleeing suspect hit the curb and crashed the motorcycle. The suspect was quickly apprehended. The second suspect on a motorcycle was not apprehended.

Arrested at the investigation scene were Zakiry Davis, age 18 of Salem, and Natalie Genene Hefley, age 32 of Mill City. The pair were lodged at the [Marion County Jail](#), each on motor vehicle theft charges. A 15-year-old boy involved in the incident was also detained and transported to the [Marion County Juvenile Department](#).

Zayn Free Bristow, age 25 of Mill City, was also lodged at the Marion County Jail on the following charges:

- Unlawful use of a motor vehicle, two counts
- Possession of a stolen vehicle, two counts
- Felon in possession of body armor
- Elude
- Reckless driving
- Mail theft
- Identity theft

Arraignment follows for Bristow on Friday, July 12, at 2:30 p.m. at the [Marion County Criminal Court Annex](#).

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