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PRESS RELEASE

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Shooting Investigation

Walla Walla County Detectives are looking for information from anyone who may have details which will help solve the case below.

On August 5th at 8:28PM deputies were dispatched to Nightingale Canyon, in Walla Walla County, east of the city, for a hunter who had been shot and needed help. The caller told dispatch that their hunting partner had shot a bear and went across the canyon to locate it while the reporting party stayed in place and observed the track, a common hunting practice. While observing, the reporting party heard a rifle shot come from the canyon. The reporting party observed the partner fall to the ground and roll downhill. The reporting party then heard voices in the canyon.

The reporting party crossed the canyon and located the down partner with a bullet wound, from a high caliber weapon, bleeding profusely. The reporting party looked in the direction of the gunshot and observed a person running north through a farm field. Multiple people assisted with life saving measures and the injured hunter was transported to the hospital where they remain.

The reporting party provided information about vehicles seen in the area and, prior to the partner shooting at a bear, voices were heard south of them in the canyon from at least two other hunters. Search warrants are being applied for however, the suspect(s) remain at large.

If you have information which can assist Detectives in identifying the suspect(s) in this case, please call dispatch at 509-527-3265 and reference case number 2022-6318.

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