

9-1-1 hang-up call results in arrest of inebriated male who allegedly fired gun

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The investigation into a call made to the 9-1-1 emergency system resulted in the arrest of an inebriated man who reportedly fired a gun in his home on March 20.

Deputy Joe Guarneri went to the home on West Little York Road just before 9 p.m. to investigate the call which had reported a gunshot in the house. The caller in a second phone conversation with emergency dispatchers said the first call was made in error, that the gunshot was actually children playing with firecrackers.

When Deputy Guarneri talked to a female resident, she said that her husband had fired the gun. The deputy located the man, identified as Paul Jeffery Scott, 43, in a bathroom. The gun used, the woman said, had been placed in another bedroom of the house. Reserve Deputy Daniel Dicken found the gun, a .40 cal. Glock, in a back bedroom.

Deputy Guarneri traced the path of the bullet, noting it first struck a basket by the east wall of the master bedroom, then hit a snack box, the wall and went into a glass case in the corner of the living room. An exit hole was found on the other side of the living room wall in the kitchen. The bullet continued to the outside kitchen wall where it was located in the back door jamb. It was removed by Deputy Rex Herald.

The bullet had traveled near an adult male and two young children, ages one and three years old, who were in the living room. Scott told officers that he had been sitting on the bed in the master bedroom and was unloading the handgun at the time it discharged. He allegedly admitted to Deputy Guarneri that he had been "...drinking a lot..."

Scott was transported to the Scott County Security Center in Scottsburg and incarcerated. On Friday, March 22, he was charged in Scott Circuit Court with two counts of criminal recklessness, one a Class C felony and the second a Class D felony.

On his not guilty plea, Judge Roger Duvall set his jury trial date for August 5 and assigned a public defender to the case.

Bail was set at \$50,000 corporate surety/full cash.