Man Arrested For Discharging a Handgun in His Residence

On May 13, 2013 at approximately 10:15 p.m. Beaverton Police Officers were dispatched to the 7000 block of SW 163rd Place. They were responding to a report of a resident finding what looked like a bullet hole in a bedroom wall and closet.

When officers arrived they contacted the home owner who told them that he and his wife heard a loud noise and he went to see what it was. He told the officers that he went into one of the bedrooms and saw what he thought was a bullet hole in a bedroom wall and a closet door. The officers searched the room and located a spent bullet and documented the two bullet holes in the bedroom and the entry point on the outside of the house.

The officers were able to determine that the bullet came from a house that was East of the victim's residence, because it also had a bullet hole in it. The Officers knocked on the door of this house and contacted Bryce Norton 33.

Norton told the officers that he was cleaning his handgun but does not believe it went off. Norton said that he did find a spent shell on the ground when he was cleaning the gun and was not sure where it came from. When officers spoke to Norton’s sister who was in the house, she said that she had heard a loud bang and was not sure if it came from inside or outside of the house.

Norton was arrested for recklessly endangering another person and unlawful possession of a controlled substance and was lodged at the Washington County Jail.

It is so important that you follow the four basic safety rules when handling any firearm.

1. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
2. Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
4. Always be aware of your target and what is beyond.

If these rules are followed the chance of injury or loss of life are greatly reduced.

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