



# Chelan County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at approximately 8:00 pm a disturbance occurred at the Moonlight Motor Lodge on School Street in Wenatchee. An employee reported a 52-year-old male motel guest was in the office with a knife threatening others. While Deputies were on the way to the location, the male was seen back at his room and then subsequently running south from the motel.

Deputies arrived on scene and were able to set up a perimeter in attempt to contain the suspect in the vicinity of the motel. Washington State Patrol assisted and a CCSO K9 unit was called out as well. The victim, a 39-year-old Texas man said he went to speak with the suspect and he became extremely angry. The suspect grabbed a kitchen knife and chased after him threatening to kill him. He ran into the manager's office to get away and to call for help. The suspect followed him in and continued threatening him. At one point, the knife made contact with the victim's shoulder but there were no injuries.

Deputies searched the area extensively and were eventually able to locate him back in the motel parking lot hiding in the back seat of his vehicle. It is believed the suspect circled back around at some point during the search. He was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Chelan County Regional Justice Center for Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Harassment – Threats to Kill.

It is unknown at this time what caused the disturbance.

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