CASE NUMBER: 19-5244
DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 7/29/2019 5:50 pm
DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 9/6/2019 9:00 am
NATURE OF STORY: Multi-agency Effort Leads to Arrest of Florence Shooting Suspect Gene Joseph
LOCATION: Florence, Oregon
ARRESTED: GENE JOSEPH, 35 years old, Florence
CHARGES: Assault in the First Degree
Unlawful Use of a Weapon
Felon in Possession of a Weapon
Assault in the Fourth Degree
Menacing

DETAILS:

Gene Joseph, the 35 year old suspect in a shooting that occurred in the Florence area on 7/29/2019, was located and arrested last night by the Lane County Sheriff’s Office with the assistance of the Florence Police Department, the Oregon State Police, and the Tribal Police. Joseph had changed his appearance significantly and was reportedly hiding in various locations in the Florence area after the shooting, including the residence he was located and arrested at last night.

Joseph was transported to the Lane County Jail and lodged on the above listed charges and is scheduled to be arraigned today.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office would like to thank the Officers of the Florence Police Department, the Troopers from the Oregon State Police Florence Office, and the Tribal Police for their assistance. The arrest of Gene Joseph would not have been possible without the lengthy investigatory efforts and assistance from our local law enforcement partners and we are extremely grateful.

The case has been forwarded to the Lane County District Attorney’s Office (DA’s Office) for prosecution. Further inquiries should be directed to the DA’s Office.

Previous news release dated 7/31/2019
On 7/29/2019 at 5:50 pm the Lane County Sheriff’s Office responded to Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence
regarding a gunshot wound victim who was reportedly shot in the leg earlier in the day in an area south of Florence off Highway 101. Detectives responded and investigation has identified 35 year old Gene Manuel Joseph as a suspect in the shooting.

Gene Joseph is described as a white male standing 5’10” tall and weighing approximately 200 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, and may have a long, black beard.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is asking anyone who has seen Gene Joseph since 7/29/2019 or knows where he is to call 541-682-4141.

Do not attempt to contact or apprehend Joseph as he is considered armed and dangerous.