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Shooting

Elkview, WV- A shooting overnight in Elkview leaves one man hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the leg. On Friday, October 4, 2024, at 1:40 a.m., Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a shooting reported on Little Sandy Road, where they located a 62-year-old male victim.

The victim suffered a gunshot wound to the lower leg after a verbal argument with the suspect, Joe Lee Meadows, 63 of Elkview turned lethal. Deputies learned that Mr. Meadows was seated in his vehicle with the victim standing at his passenger side window when Meadows pulled a handgun and fired two shots at him. Meadows then fled the scene before deputies arrived.

Deputies located Mr. Meadows and a witness within 45 minutes of the shooting incident and Mr. Meadows was subsequently placed under arrest for one felony count of wanton endangerment involving a firearm, and one felony count of malicious assault. Joe Lee Meadows is being held at South Central Regional Jail and expected for arraignment in Kanawha County Magistrate Court early this morning. The victim in the case is hospitalized with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The shooting remains under investigation and anyone with information is urged to contact Detective C.A. Boner with Kanawha County Sheriff's Office CIS Division at 304-357-0556.



Joe Lee Meadows
63 years old

Charges: Wanton Endangerment / Malicious Wounding

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