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### **Kanawha County Deputies Investigate Shooting in Pinch**

**Pinch, WV** - Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a reported shooting this evening in the 500 block of Green Valley Drive in Pinch. The incident occurred at approximately 7:00 p.m. after Metro 911 dispatchers were alerted that a man had been shot in the upper torso.

Upon arrival, deputies detained one individual believed to be the shooter. Another man was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Preliminary investigations indicate that Caleb Wardy, 27, of Pinch, was involved in a domestic altercation with his girlfriend. Family members, including Wardy's uncle and his 45-year-old cousin, Dometri Prouse, arrived at the residence to de-escalate the situation. Wardy was separated from his girlfriend, but he reportedly attempted to re-enter the home where she was located.

During the altercation, Mr. Prouse discharged a firearm, striking Wardy in the upper torso. Deputies have since arrested Prouse on a felony charge of unlawful wounding. Additionally, charges are expected to be filed against Wardy for strangulation related to the earlier domestic altercation.

This incident is believed to be isolated, and deputies have confirmed there is no ongoing threat to the public.

The investigation is ongoing. Updates will be provided as they become available.



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