

Man assaults peace officer

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McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Shirley was dispatched to a house on North Ola Drive in Yah-ta-hey after receiving a report of a dispute on Aug. 7.

Shirley arrived at the scene about 4:40 pm and spotted the suspect, identified as Myron Lee, 30, of Yah-ta-hey, exiting the residence. As Shirley exited his unit, he said Lee began to approach him in an aggressive manner with his arms raised. Shirley told Lee to calm down, but he continued to shout and walk toward him.

Deputy Frank Villa arrived on scene, and Lee turned and walked back inside the house. He came out again holding a two-foot long machete and seemed ready to fight. Shirley and Villa had their service pistols drawn and ordered Lee to drop the weapon, which he refused to do.

After getting higher caliber service guns from their units, Shirley and Villa continued to tell Lee to drop his blade. Lee finally discarded the machete and laid down on the ground, at which point he was cuffed and put inside Shirley's unit.

Shirley spoke with the woman at the scene, Lee's mother, who told him she had returned home and noticed her son had been drinking. She refused to give him any money or let him drive their truck because he was drunk. That's when he got aggressive.

Myron stopped, and deputies showed up a short time later.

Lee was transported to a hospital for a medical clearance. After being cleared, he was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked on charges of two counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer.