Sheriff’s Detectives Investigating Shooting In Western Travis County - Updated

On May 11, 2009, at 5:55pm, Deputies were called to the 6700 Block of Oasis Bluff Drive in reference to a shooting. The victim reported that he had been shot by a person passing him as they both traveled North on Oasis Bluff Drive in their vehicles.

Units with the Austin/Travis County EMS, Lake Travis Fire and Rescue and the Sheriff’s Office responded to the scene. The victim, identified as, Charles Dillard, 39, was transported to University Medical Center at Brackenridge where he is listed in critical condition.

Moments before this incident happened a man pointed a pistol at a person in the 2900 Block of FM 620 North and attempted to shoot him. For unknown reasons the pistol did not fire and the man sped away. Because that victim was able to provide a license plate and suspect description, Detectives were able to identify a possible suspect who lives in the area. They made contact with the man at his home and took him into custody. He is identified as;

Robert T. Bence Jr., Date of Birth 3-20-1959.

Mr. Bence has been charged with 2 counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, which is a second degree felony. Bond was set at $200,000.00 for one charge and $300,000.00 for the other. Because of the ongoing investigation the booking photo of Mr. Bence will not be available at this time.

Note: A second degree felony is punishable by a term of not more than 20 years or less that 2 years in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a fine of up to $10,000.00.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Greg Lawson at 512-854-3426 or CrimeStoppers at 472-TIPS (8477).

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