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Shots Fired in Olancha Ends in Arrest

On September 28, 2026, at approximately 8:38 p.m., Inyo County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a report of shots fired at a residence in Olancha.

While deputies were responding, dispatch received information that a dog had been shot and killed in the front yard of the residence. Additional reports of gunshots were received from the area of the Mobile gas station.

Deputies located the suspect in a brush-covered field near the residence. Following continued verbal commands, deputies were able to take the suspect into custody without further incident.

James Knight, of Olancha, was arrested and booked into the Inyo County Jail on the following felony charges:

246 PC – Shooting at an inhabited dwelling, vehicle, or occupied building

29800(A)(1) PC – Felon/addict in possession of a firearm

597(A) PC – Cruelty to an animal/animal killing

246.3(A) PC – Willful discharge of a firearm in a grossly negligent manner

During the investigation, Knight told deputies he had discarded a firearm used to commit the crime in the nearby area. K9 Envar assisted in the search of the area, locating the firearm approximately 20 to 30 feet from where Knight was taken into custody.

The investigation remains ongoing. No victim names or additional identifying information will be released at this time.

Suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

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