



PRESS RELEASE

Case # 13-515545

Homeowner Subdues Intruder

October 22, 2013—Washington County Deputies arrested a man who broke into a house. The homeowner held him at bay until Sheriff's Deputies arrived.

On October 22, 2013, at about 2:00 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to a residence in the 9700 block of SW Clark Hill Road in the community of Aloha, concerning a burglary. The homeowner told deputies there was an unknown man pounding his fist on the rear window of the house. The homeowner told Sheriff's Deputies the man was escalating his behavior and began to kick the rear door, in an apparent attempt to enter the house.



As multiple deputies were arriving at the residence, the intruder, later identified as Hector Cruz, 42, from Las Vegas, smashed a large window at the back of the residence. Deputies were informed that Mr. Cruz climbed through the broken window gaining entry into the house. It was reported the homeowner retrieved a baseball bat and held Mr. Cruz at bay on the kitchen floor. Deputies quickly entered the house and apprehended Mr. Cruz.

Sheriff's Deputies believe Mr. Cruz's behavior was influenced by the use of alcohol and drugs. The homeowner did receive minor cuts from the broken glass in his kitchen which initiated an assault.

Hector Giovanni Cruz-Sosa was lodged in the Washington County Jail charged with fourth degree Assault, Burglary, and Criminal Mischief. He is held on \$20,000 bail.