

Rainier Area Man Arrested on Assault/Attempted Rape Charges

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Columbia County Sheriff's deputies today arrested a Rainier-area man on rape, assault and kidnapping charges, after the man assaulted a former girlfriend and forced her into her bedroom as part of the sexual assault.

Douglas Schaffner, 21, Rainier was lodged in the Columbia County jail on charges of Attempted Rape First Degree, Sodomy First degree, Strangulation, Assault Fourth Degree, Burglary First Degree and Kidnapping First Degree.

Deputies responded to the 28000 block of Hirtzel Rd. just outside of Rainier around 11:53 a.m. today when the victim called 911 saying her former boyfriend had "burst into the door," grabbed her by the throat and tried to rape her.

Deputies arrived at the victim's residence at 12:19 p.m., and the suspect had already left the scene. Deputies then proceeded to the suspect's residence at 28695 Hirtzel Rd., and they found the suspect waiting for them. Deputies arrested the suspect without incident around 1:30 p.m.

The investigation is ongoing. Rainier and Clatskanie Police Department also assisted in the investigation.