



BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sheriff Steve Whisenant
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
PRESS RELEASE

NAME: DAVID ARREX BURLESON

DOB: 01/12/1979 **Age:** 38

RACE: White **Sex:** Male

Weight: 175 lbs. **Height:** 5'8"

ADDRESS: 4403 Denton's Chapel Road, Morganton

CHARGES: Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious
Injury with Intent to Kill



Update:

Subsequent to receiving and investigating tips regarding the location of the suspect last night, including in another county, Burke County Deputies, Burke County Narcotics Task Force and an officer from MDPS, investigated a tip on Hawkins Drive, Morganton at approximately 12:25 pm this afternoon. Upon arriving at the residence, Burleson was outside and ran into the woods while being pursued by officers. Responding to officers' commands, Burleson stopped and was taken into custody. Burleson was not armed. Officers' noticed a powdery substance in Burleson's mouth and requested Burke County EMS.

Burke County EMS arrived at the scene and transported Burleson to Blue Ridge HealthCare Morganton where he is being evaluated for possibly ingesting controlled substances. Deputies are with Burleson and when he is released from the hospital, Burleson will be served with the pending arrest warrant and taken before the magistrate. We will update this news release when that occurs.

The victim of the shooting, Scotty Everette Vess, age 51, of Morganton, is reportedly doing okay and may be released soon.

Anyone who has information regarding the shooting is asked to call Burke County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division at 828-764-5506.

Agencies Involved:

Burke County Sheriff's Office
Burke County Narcotics Task Force
MDPS
EMS
Salem First Responders

Details:

Burke County Deputies are on the scene of a shooting on Denton's Chapel Church Rd. in Morganton that occurred around 6 pm on October 11, 2017. The victim was transported to Blue Ridge HealthCare Morganton and transferred to Charlotte via helicopter.

A warrant for Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury with Intent to Kill has been issued on David Arrex Burleson W/M DOB 1-12-79. Anyone who has information concerning his whereabouts is asked to call 911. Burleson should be considered armed and dangerous.

We will update the information tomorrow, October 12, 2017.

Agencies Involved:

Burke County Sheriff's Office.

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