

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Fred Newman

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A shooting in Washington County, Virginia, has left one man dead and another charged with murder. According to Washington County Sheriff Fred Newman, on March 9, 2013, at approximately 1:13 am, deputies were dispatched to a location at 15312 Whites Mill Road, Abingdon, VA, in reference to a domestic disturbance and subsequent gunshot wound. Upon arrival, deputies located the victim inside the residence, dead from a single gunshot wound.

Timothy James Mitchler, age 26, of 15312 Whites Mill Road, Abingdon, VA, was placed under arrest at the scene by Washington County deputies. He has been charged with second degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. "Based on the investigation, it appears that both men, who were brother-in-laws, had been consuming alcohol and a physical altercation between the two ensued. The accused, apparently, retrieved a firearm, a struggle began, and the weapon discharged, striking the victim," stated Sheriff Newman.

Mitchler was transported to the Abingdon Facility of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail, where he is being held without bond. The investigation was conducted by members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office Patrol and Criminal Investigative Divisions.

