

Two Bend men arrested after pulling gun, wooden bat following fight

by Cheryl McDermott

Two Bend men were arrested Thursday night when a physical fight between two co-workers in the Wal-Mart parking lot apparently didn't settle the dispute, and one retrieved a gun from his vehicle and pointed it at the other, police reported. A friend of the man with the gun was also arrested after allegedly brandishing a wooden bat.

Joshua Taylor Lunsford (left) and Jeffrey Scott Pachtman (right) - DCJ photos Joshua Taylor Lunsford, 20, and Brian Allen Ching, 21, had a disagreement at work during the past month, Bend Police Sgt. Tom Pine said. On Thursday, Lunsford challenged Ching to a fight and they agreed to meet at the Wal-Mart parking lot at 20120 Pinebrook Blvd.

Four young men and a young women showed up for the fight: Lunsford and his 19-year old friend Jeffrey Scott Pachtman; and Ching and two friends, William Patrick Brophy, 19, and Taryn R. Beatty, 20. All persons involved were Bend residents, Pine said.

Lunsford and Ching engaged in a mutual physical dispute which resulted in no injuries to either party, the sergeant wrote in a news release. However, after the fight Lunsford allegedly went to his vehicle and retrieved a small caliber revolver and pointed it at Ching, and Pachtman allegedly retrieved and displayed a wooden bat.

Police received a 911 call from Ching about 8:50 p.m., Pine said, but all involved parties had left the scene and were contacted at the Parkway Chevron at 1095 SE Division Street. Officers performed a high-risk stop on the suspects' vehicle as it was leaving the gas station, and all occupants were ordered out at gunpoint and detained without further incident.

Officers found a semi-automatic handgun in addition to the revolver in Lunsford's vehicle, the sergeant said. Lunsford and Pachtman were taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail.

Lunsford was charged with unlawful use of a weapon - a Class C felony, unlawful possession of a firearm and menacing - both Class A misdemeanors.

Pachtman was charged with a misdemeanor crime of menacing.

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