

Gresham man admits to shooting, killing wife

by Cheryl McDermott

A 51-year old Gresham man has been charged with the shooting death of his wife after he reportedly called 911 on Saturday morning to report that he had just "shot somebody", detectives said.

John Lyle Roberts - MCDC photo Gresham Police officers responded to the call about 9:45 a.m., February 2, and arrived at the couple's home in the 4100 block of NE El Camino to find Virginia Roberts, 51, dead from a gunshot wound.

Detectives said John Lyle Roberts, also 51, was taken into custody without incident. Roberts was interviewed, and then booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center on a single charge of first-degree murder.

This is the city's first homicide of the year, police said.

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