

â€˜Person of interestâ€™™ sought in Prineville stabbing

by Cheryl McDermott

Prineville Police are looking for a â€œperson of interestâ€• in connection with the stabbing of a 24-year old man in northwest Prineville early Tuesday morning, and another man is in custody after being subdued with a Taser following a foot chase from the scene.

Lance Bechtel is a â€œperson of interestâ€• wanted for questioning in connection with the stabbing of Cody Ray Flowers. CCJ photo.

Jimmy L. Robertson was arrested for escape and attempted possession of meth. CCJ photo. Shortly before 3 a.m. January 30, Prineville Police officers responded to NW Ninth Street and NW Fairmont Street to a report of a stabbing. As they arrived, a man, later identified as 22-year old Jimmy L. Robertson of Prineville, fled on foot. Pursued by police, Robertson was ultimately subdued with a Taser and taken into custody, Chief Eric Bush said.

Robertson was lodged in the Crook County Jail on \$10,000 bail, and faces charges of third-degree escape and attempted possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

The stabbing victim, Cody Ray Flowers, 24, also of Prineville, received what officers described as a â€œnon life-threatening stab wound to the chestâ€• and was transported by ambulance to Pioneer Memorial Hospital where he was reported to be in stable condition.

Chief Bush said that they have identified 27-year old Lance Bechtel of Prineville as a â€œperson of interestâ€• who is wanted for questioning in the stabbing. Bechtel was described as 5-foot 10-inches tall, weighing 170 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. Persons with knowledge of his whereabouts are asked to call the Prineville Police Department at 541.447.4168.

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