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## Man charged with attempt to kill deputy Dale County rape suspect now faces attempted murder charge

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Dale County Sheriff's officials have charged a Skipperville man with the attempted murder of a sheriff's deputy in connection to an exchange of gunfire last week

with law enforcement. Sheriff Wally Olson said investigators have charged 50-year-old Billy Wayne Lomanek with four felony crimes, which include two counts of first-degree rape, incest and attempted murder. Olson said more charges could

be pending in the ongoing sexual assault investigation. Authorities captured Lomanek late in the day on July 7 after a five-day manhunt. Deputies took Lomanek into custody after he was wounded in an exchange of gunfire with deputies



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in the woods near his home on Dale County Road 70 near the Barbo-ur County line. Olson said no deputies were injured in the exchange of gunfire between Lomanek and law en-

forcement K-9 belonging to the state Department of Corrections died during Lomanek's capture. The sheriff's office was assisted by two K-9 units from the department of corrections. Lomanek suffered non-life-threatening injuries during the shooting and was taken to Dale

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Medical Center in Ozark.

Olson said Lomanek faces an attempted murder charge for allegedly trying to kill a sheriff's deputy during the shooting. Court records show Lomanek was charged with the offense for shooting at a sheriff's captain and deputy as they closed in on him during their pursuit. The warrant filed against Lomanek said the bullet

struck the captain's portable police radio attached to his body. Four sheriff's deputies were placed on paid administrative leave because of the officer-involved shooting. The shooting was investigated by agents with the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, which Olson said is typical protocol for officer-involved shootings.

"The ABI has not given me their formal ruling yet, but they said everything looks good," Olson said. Sheriff's Capt. Mason Bynum said Lomanek is held at the Dale County Jail on bail totaling \$600,000.

Bynum also told the *Edagle* that sheriff's investigators obtained warrants on Lomanek after they recently "caught" a break in their investigation. Bynum said the sexual assault-related charges against Lomanek allegedly involved a female

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