

Authorities seek brothers in connection to Nov. 26 shooting

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CLEARLAKE OAKS – Sheriff's officials are looking for two brothers alleged to have been involved in a shooting in Clearlake Oaks on Nov. 26.

The shooting, which Lake County News first reported late last week, left one man injured and resulted in a search for the two suspects.

Capt. James Bauman of the Lake County Sheriff's Office reported Monday that 42-year-old Patrick Joseph O'Connor of Clearlake Oaks was shot in the chest.

The two men being sought in connection with the shooting are Patrick Dewin McDaniel, 44, and Cecil McDaniel, 37, both of Clearlake Oaks, said Bauman. Both McDaniels are wanted for attempted murder.

Bauman reported that deputies and rescue personnel from the Northshore Fire Protection District responded to the shooting at 8:20 p.m. Nov. 26.

Arriving at O'Connor's Second Street residence, they found him seated in front of the house with an apparent gunshot wound to the chest, said Bauman.

While O'Connor was treated at the scene, deputies learned that he allegedly had been shot by Patrick McDaniel during an argument at a neighboring residence, said Bauman. The reported argument also included O'Connor's 23-year-old son, James O'Connor, also of Clearlake Oaks, and Cecil McDaniel.

Bauman said that James O'Connor told deputies the McDaniel brothers had walked through his father's property to the neighboring home of 40-year-old Jill Robbins, who the McDaniels had apparently met earlier at a local bar.

The McDaniels and Patrick O'Connor had reportedly had words earlier in the day and when the McDaniels got to Robbins' home, the two O'Connors could hear Patrick McDaniel yelling at Robbins so they went next door to her house to intervene, Bauman said.

During an argument that ensued between Patrick McDaniel and Patrick O'Connor, Cecil McDaniel reportedly swung at O'Connor but missed, said Bauman. Patrick McDaniel then allegedly pulled a handgun from beneath his clothing, struck O'Connor across the face with it and then shot O'Connor once in the chest before both McDaniels fled the area on foot.

Both O'Connors fled back to their home and remained until deputies arrived, according to Bauman.

Sheriff's detectives were called out to investigate the scene, Bauman said, and for approximately five hours, additional deputies canvassed the Clearlake Oaks area for the McDaniel brothers but they could not be located.

The following day, on Thanksgiving morning, another resident on Second Street in Clearlake Oaks reported her 5-year-old son had found a small handgun in their front yard, a short distance from the location of the shooting, Bauman said. Deputies recovered the weapon and an analysis to determine any connection to the shooting is pending.

Both McDaniels are convicted felons, according to Bauman's report.

Patrick McDaniel is recently paroled from prison and is described as a 44-year-old black male adult, 6 feet tall, 235 pounds, and was last seen wearing a "puffy" jacket, dark pants and yellow shoes. Bauman said McDaniel has names tattooed on his left arm and a playboy bunny tattooed on his left arm.

Cecil McDaniel is described as a 37-year-old black male adult, 6 feet, two inches tall, 250 pounds, with bears tattooed on his left upper arm, said Bauman.

After being flown via air ambulance to Sutter Lakeside Hospital Wednesday night, Patrick O'Connor was transferred to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital where he was reported to be in stable condition as of Monday.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of either of the McDaniel brothers should call the Investigations Branch of the Lake County Sheriff's Department at 262-4200.

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