

Winnabow Woman Shot In Her Home As Daughter Watches

A 30-year-old Winnabow woman narrowly escaped death early Saturday morning when her estranged friend allegedly knocked her to the floor of her mobile home and fired a rifle at the back of her head. Her 4-year-old daughter looked on in terror, police said Monday.

She is one very, very lucky lady, said Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Steve Mason.

The victim, Towanna Neal, of George II Highway, has been released from New Hanover Regional Medical Center, where she was treated for a single gunshot to the head from a .22-caliber rifle, Mason

said.

The weapon was fired "from point-blank range," he said. The bullet penetrated her skin just above and behind the right ear and travelled around her head without entering the skull before exiting near her eye.

"It's very fortunate that he didn't kill her," Mason said.

Accused in the shooting is Randy Clay Fadeley, 24, who had lived with Neal "for about three years" before a recent break-up, Mason said. He is being held in Brunswick County Jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Mason said that after the shooting, Fadeley allegedly called Neal's ex-husband to tell him to "come get your daughter," who was in the trailer and witnessed the incident. Neal "had enough strength to call 911" after Fadeley left the home on foot.

First to arrive at the trailer at 12:37 a.m. was Deputy Matt Jesson. Neal reportedly told him that Fadeley had shot her and ran into the woods with the rifle.

"She advised that he said to tell her daughter goodbye because she was dead," Jesson said in his report. "She said she heard a loud bang and felt the pain in her head."

Neal also told Jesson she was hit in the head with the rifle butt, according to the report.

Mason said his investigation indicates that the shooting culminated a domestic dispute in which Fadeley went to Neal's trailer and confronted her about her recent activities. During the dispute, Fadeley allegedly knocked Neal to the floor and kicked her before reaching for a rifle that was standing nearby.

Warrants were issued for Fadeley's arrest. He turned surrendered to the sheriff's department late Saturday morning and is being held in lieu of \$30,000 bond, Mason said.

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With Parents	Rent	Rent Furnished	Own Mortgage	Own Clear
1	2	2	4	5

Years at Present Address

Under 2 yrs.	2-4 yrs.	5-8 yrs.	9-14 yrs.	15 yrs. or more
1	2	3	4	5

Gross Monthly Income

\$1,000-1,500	\$1,501-2,000	\$2,001-2,700	\$2,701-3,500	Over \$3,500
3	4	5	6	7

Years With Present Employer

Under 2 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	4-6 yrs.	7-10 yrs.	Over 10 yrs.
1	3	4	4	5

Years With Previous Employer

Under 1 yr.	1-3 yrs.	4-6 yrs.	7-10 yrs.	Over 10 yrs.
0	1	2	4	5

% Monthly Income Remaining (After monthly obligations)

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