

Murder suspect apprehended

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Last week, Avery County sheriff's deputies apprehended a Mitchell County murder suspect.

A shooting in Mitchell County had deputies in Avery alert for a particular vehicle. When the vehicle in question entered Avery from Tennessee, deputies were ready. 33-year-old Kelly Shane Whitson of the Buladean Community in Mitchell County was apprehended. Whitson is reported to have fatally shot 25-year-old Gary Wayne Harrell Jr. Whitson was charged with murder in Avery County and is being held without bond.