

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Update: Man Wanted in Connection with July Shooting

On July 29, 2009, at approximately 9:15PM Leon County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 11904 Mahan Drive in reference to a person being shot. When deputies arrived they discovered Larry Gardner, 49yoa, lying outside, in front of the residence and that he had been shot once in the stomach. Early indications were that Gardner was visiting the home of Judith Davis and Greg Moss, 58yoa. When Gardner was asked to leave the residence it was reported that Gardner attacked Moss and a violent physical altercation ensued. During this incident Moss armed himself with a handgun and Gardner was shot once in the stomach. Gardner was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital where he remained for several weeks and released. Violent Crimes and Crime Scene Detectives responded to the scene and conducted an investigation into this shooting. Florida Wildlife Commission Officer Jeff Badauta and his K-9 also assisted in the search of the area for the .380 handgun, which was taken away from Moss by Gardner.

This investigation has determined that Gardner is known to Moss and Davis and that on this evening he came to their residence asking for beer. After receiving beer from Davis, Gardner was asked to leave the residence by Davis and Moss, but he refused. Gardner began to become verbally and physically aggressive with Davis at which point Moss stepped in between them. Gardner then attacked Moss, pushing him to the kitchen floor. Moss retreated to his bedroom and retrieved a .380 caliber handgun. Moss then went back into the kitchen and Davis called the Sheriff's Office. Both Moss and Davis ordered Gardner to leave. Gardner again refused to leave and charged at Moss, at which point Moss fired a single shot which struck Gardner in the upper abdomen. Gardner continued his attack on Moss, knocking him to the floor where a violent struggle ensued. Gardner disarmed Moss, pointed the firearm at Moss's head and then fled the residence with the weapon. Once outside Gardner hid the firearm in the bumper of a trailer and collapsed in the driveway, where he was found by responding deputies.

Violent Crimes Detectives have determined that Moss acted in self-defense and was justified in shooting Gardner. Gardner is wanted for attacking Moss. Anybody that may have information about the whereabouts of Larry Gardner is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS (8477).

### Wanted

Larry Gardner  
DOB: 04/14/1960

### Charges

Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon without intent to kill  
Felony Battery  
Armed Trespass  
Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon



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