Falls City man arrested after shots fired

(KLZA)-- A Falls City man was arrested by the Richardson County Sheriff's Department early Monday morning following an incident in Salem involving an assault and gun shots being fired.

According to an affidavit in Richardson County Court, a Richardson County Deputy responded to a call in Salem at 24 Church Street. Deputy Dexter Holliday was rerouted to 203 South, 3rd Street to see an injured man.

Upon arrival Deputy Holliday found Buddy Graves in the home with a person holding rags to his head. Graves had three large gashes and was bleeding steadily.

Graves alleged that he had went to his fathers garage at 24 Church Street to change a tire and a neighbor told him to leave. Graves later went back to speak with the woman living there and said he was attacked by the woman's boyfriend, 44-year-old James E. Liming of Falls City.

Graves alleges Liming hit him in the head with a pistol, then pointed the gun at him and pulled the trigger. The gun misfired. According to court documents, Graves and the person he was riding with, Matt Hillyard ran back to their vehicle and then Liming fired shots into the radiator of the vehicle.

Liming allegedly admitted to the Deputy that he fired shots at the vehicle but denied hitting Graves with the pistol.

Liming gave the gun to law enforcement officers who allegedly discovered blood on the barrel of the .22-caliber pistol.

Liming was arrested on charges of terroristic threats and use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony. He bonded out of jail on Monday.

Graves was transported to Community Medical Center in Falls City with what the affidavit said was a fractured skull. He was transferred to a Lincoln hospital for further treatment of his injuries.

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