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Deputies Identify Suspect Who Shot Homeowner



Willie Gatewood

Sheriff's Deputies believe Willie Gatewood, 52, of Memphis, shot an Eads man today after burglarizing his home. Just before 2 p.m., Dennis Roberts, 55, arrived at his home in the 11,000 block of Macon Road and found Gatewood inside.

Deputies say when confronted, Gatewood shot Roberts who remains in stable condition tonight at The Regional Medical Center. Detectives say Gatewood has previously been arrested for violent crimes.

Deputies have an arrest warrant for Gatewood on charges of Attempted First Degree Murder and Especially Aggravated Burglary. Gatewood is considered to be armed and dangerous.

He is black, stands 6'1 and weighs 180 pounds.

Gatewood drives a maroon GMC Envoy with Tennessee Tag **658-XHW**.

Deputies are still investigating how Gatewood entered Roberts' home and whether anything was taken.

Anyone with information about Willie Gatewood should call sheriff's detectives at **(901) 545-5600** or Crime Stoppers at **(901)528-CASH**.

(End of Update)