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Press Release

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On 09/24/2009 at approximately 5:55 AM the Sheriff's Office Emergency Service Unit (E.S.U.) executed a high risk, "no knock" search and arrest warrant at the property located at 78 Temple Hill Rd. in Harrison. On the property searched was a mobile home, a motor home and several outside buildings that had several people from the same family living in them.

The Arrest and Search Warrant stem from an incident that occurred on 09/14/2009, when Ryan J. Preston DOB: 09/27/1985 (from the above address), fired several shots from a rifle at an adult male victim, who was walking near the property. The victim observed what he believed to be an outdoor marijuana grow at which point Preston began firing a rifle at him. The victim was not wounded and was able to escape unharmed and call the Sheriff's Office.

The search of the property yielded both evidence of a marijuana grow as well as evidence of the shooting.

Preston was not home at the time of the warrant execution but was later located by Sheriff's Detectives who spoke with him. Preston was in the Hermon area and was convinced to turn himself into the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office; where he is currently be held on \$25,000/bail with conditions if released.

Preston was charged with:

1. Criminal Threatening with a Dangerous Weapon (Class C).
2. Reckless Conduct with a Dangerous Weapon (Class C).

Preston will be arraigned early next week in Portland Court, if bail is not made.

Booking photo of Preston is available through the Penobscot County Jail, 947.4585.

Additional questions can be referred to Captain Don Goulet at 774.1444 ext. 2110, during regular business hours.

Prepared by,
Captain Goulet