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Man arrested after gun rampage in bar

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SANTA FE, N.M. — Police Wednesday said a man armed with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol went on a rampage just before a motel bar closed and shot three men, two of whom were injured in serious condition at a local hospital.

Alan Dale Wilson, 31, of Santa Fe, N.M., was booked into the county jail on suspicion of aggravated battery and aggravated assault with intent to commit a violent felony.

Listed in serious condition at St. Vincent Hospital Wednesday were Simon Apodaca, 34, of Santa Fe, who underwent surgery for a wound to his right thigh, and John Gauer, 36, of Dallas, who underwent surgery for a gunshot wound to the abdomen.

A hospital spokesman said Robert Benavidez, 33, of Monte-

zuma, was treated and released for a gunshot wound to the cheek.

Authorities said the shooting incident began at 1:43 a.m. Wednesday after Wilson allegedly left the bar before closing and retrieved a pistol from his car.

Police said Wilson returned to the lounge and got into an argument with Apodaca, the bouncer.

"Basically, the report we get is that he had been creating a disturbance all evening at the lounge. He left, then he came back and started hassling one of the customers. A security guard tried to evict him from the place. A struggle ensued. He pulled a gun and shot Apodaca," said Police Detective Lt. Andrew Leyba.

After allegedly shooting Apodaca, Wilson apparently

fired erratically, striking Gauer in the stomach.

Police said Wilson then ran through the bar lobby, where he encountered Benavidez. Authorities said the two men faced off again in the parking lot, and Wilson allegedly stuck his gun in Benavidez's mouth and asked, "Do you want to die?"

Authorities said Benavidez told him, "Do what you have to do," but was moving his head as the gunman fired.

Wilson then fled toward a nearby service station and threw his weapon through the front window before he was tackled by several men.

Wilson suffered facial bruises while being subdued and was taken to the hospital for treatment before he was booked.

The suspect was expected to be arraigned on the charges later Wednesday.

Suit won on 'bare' evidence

United Press International
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — A federal court jury has awarded \$25,000 to a man who said he suffered a serious neck injury when he walked into a motel room occupied by a "skimpily clad" woman.

James L. Hardy, Jr. of Needville, Texas, claimed in a federal court lawsuit that a clerk at a

Days Inn motel gave him the wrong key during a family vacation trip in July 1981.

Hardy said when he opened the door to the room he saw a woman wearing only a nightgown. He said he suffered a ruptured spinal disc from "bolting out" of the motel room.

A jury Tuesday ordered Days Inn of America Inc. to pay Har-

dy \$25,000. He had sought \$225,000.

"I was shocked to find someone in that room when I entered it," Hardy testified. "I'm not used to going into rooms where there are skimpily clad women. When I saw that woman in there, all I knew is I wanted to get out of there."

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Private sector survey reports billions wasted

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WASHINGTON — A study of the government by a business group found billions are wasted every year, but the Reagan administration, which commissioned the probe, refused to embrace a report immediately.

The first six reports of the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control that were released Tuesday criticized a wide array of government programs and practices.

The survey said an examination of the departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Commerce, and Energy as well as the Environmental Pro-

tection Agency and some smaller agencies suggests at least \$11.8 billion a year in tax money was spent unnecessarily.

By the time all the reports are in, the costs of the identified inefficiencies are expected to top \$60 billion a year, the elimination of which would far surpass any economies suggested by the Reagan administration.

Although the reports amplified themes expressed by President Reagan that government was wasteful and inefficient, administration officials were extremely cautious in their remarks about the first reports.

White House spokesman

Larry Speakes said the studies "are preliminary reports. We're looking for constructive changes."

"What we do will be equitable and fair," added Speakes, saying the recommendations will be delivered to Reagan following a period for public comment and review by the federal agencies.

Panel Chairman J. Peter Grace, head of the W.R. Grace & Co., spoke to reporters on behalf of the corps of volunteer executives from dozens of companies, stressing he thought government could continue doing much the same job as it does now but for less money.

ACLU files suit against city for blocking family's rental

United Press International
DETROIT — The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit accusing the city of Southgate of trying to block a black family from moving into the downriver suburb.

David L. Johnson said he had been at the house he rented about 10 minutes when a city building inspector arrived and told him everything in the house had to come out because no one had obtained a permit.

City officials denied racial bias was the motive, saying they were merely trying to enforce an ordinance that requires a health and safety inspection before anyone moves into rental property.

But the real estate broker who rented the two-story house to the Johnsons said the predominantly white suburb has not enforced the ordinance in the 11 years she has been renting homes there.

The family finally moved in after filing suit through the ACLU. A hearing on the suit, which seeks monetary damages from the city, is scheduled for April 22 before Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Kaufman.

Johnson and his wife, who have four children ranging in age from 2 months to 11 years, said they never expected to face racial discrimination when they moved back to the Detroit area from Houston.

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