



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 11-03-13 INCIDENT TIME: 2:19 PM
INCIDENT LOCATION: United Northern Sportsman, 7229 Rice Lake Rd Duluth, MN

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A.1 Thru 4: Procedures B.1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

Name: John Kubiak Age: 34 Address: Duluth, MN

Name: David Shrader Age: 61 Address: Duluth, MN

Firearms Mishap

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Deputies responded to a call of a firearms mishap at the United Northern Sportsman firing range. Kubiak was firing a bolt action rifle, with Shrader standing behind him, when the rifle exploded. The explosion caused the bolt to be expelled from the rear of the firearm, striking Shrader in the chest, causing a possible contusion and damaging a set of binoculars he had hanging around his neck. Kubiak sustained powder burns to both of his hands, and also injured both of his thumbs, one of them severely. Both victims were treated by Gnesen First Responders and Gold Cross at the scene, but both declined to be transported to a local hospital by ambulance. Kubiak was later treated at St Mary's/Essentia for his injuries. The cause of the incident remains under investigation.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Gnesen First Responders, Gold Cross Ambulance, St Louis County Sheriff's Office.

AUTHORITY: Sgt Neil Porter 218-269-7428 DATE: 11-03-13 TIME: 2030

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

AUTHORITY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____