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Media Release

On Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 1132 hours, The Tuscarawas County received a call from Dover-Zoar Rd. N.E. where a male subject told 911 operators that his son had attacked him and that he had shot his son in the leg.

Upon arrival, Deputies and Detectives learned that the son had reportedly come to the father's residence next door and initiated an argument that became physical. The father, who was 70 years old, stated that he was knocked to the ground and then attacked again so he shot his son in the leg in self-defense.

The son, age 40, was taken to a Canton hospital where he is was treated and released for the leg injury. Deputies then took custody of the son at the hospital and transported him to the Tuscarawas County jail where he was held on charges of assault and Domestic violence.

Preliminary evidence at the scene appeared consistent with the father's story that he was attacked and defended himself. The father was treated for minor injuries at the scene and remained at home.

Matthew R. McKenzie, age 40 of Dover-Zoar Road remains in the jail at the time of the release and is scheduled to appear before the New Philadelphia Municipal Court for arraignment on January 4th, 2024.

Along with Deputies and Detectives, the scene was also processed by the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office evidence technician.

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