Gunshots lead to arrest

Suspect fled scene on foot

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Shots fired at a residence on War Hill Park Road Sunday led to the arrest of a Dawson County man on assault and battery charges.

Michael Chad Dilbeck, 28, was arrested late Sunday night, hours after he fled from officers arriving on the scene to investigate gunshots.

Dawson County Sheriff’s spokesman Capt. Tony Wooten said the incident began as a verbal disagreement between Dilbeck and his spouse that escalated to the suspect striking the woman in the head with a handgun.

“Then as she was attempting to drive away, he discharged a 40-caliber firearm, striking the vehicle just below the fuel tank,” Wooten said.

Dilbeck was taken into custody in Lumpkin County, charged with aggravated assault and battery, violations of Georgia’s family violence act.

He is being held without bond in Dawson County Sheriff’s custody.