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Shooting victim in stable condition

By Mark Lewis

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KINGMAN – An area resident shot once in the chest early Thursday morning remains in stable condition at University Medical Center in Las Vegas.

Jeffery Thistle was on the way to pick up his wife's 5-year-old daughter from a babysitter's home in the 500 Block of Third

By Mark Lewis
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KINGMAN – Las Vegas' builder Rhodes Homes scheduled both days of this past weekend for the grand opening of The Villas, its new 69-home subdivision on Airway Avenue. Every home sold within four hours.

"The success of the weekend shows the strong demand for new housing at attainable prices in Mohave County," said Rhodes Homes spokesman Bill Marion. "We anticipated there would be strong sales. There were people waiting in line."

At this point, no homes are yet standing on the 10-acre site east of Highway 66 and north of Interstate 40. Buyers purchased only dirt lots and the promise

of a home in less than six months.

Three completed models remain open and on display for people to get a feel for the product.

"The visitors and buyers were taken aback this weekend by the gorgeous models," said Ryan Soucie, director of sales for Rhodes Homes. "The quality of construction, amenities and pricing were definitely strong selling points."

Local builder Cullen Linn, owner of Linn Construction, said he is not surprised the homes sold as fast as they did. Rhodes Homes is offering a product that is increasingly difficult to find in Kingman

"No one in this area is offering what he is offering," he said. "(Rhodes) is willing to offer less of a product for less of a

price. Most of the builders are targeting higher end markets."

Linn built 65 homes in 2004 and currently has 72 under construction.

The Villas offers five different floor plans ranging in size from 1,623 square ft. to 2,360 square-ft. and featuring three to four bedrooms and two to three baths at base prices starting at \$179,825. The most expensive home sold for just over \$230,000. Several of the models come with vaulted ceilings, a kitchen island and breakfast bar and other signature amenities.

Soucie said buyers last weekend hailed from places such as Phoenix, Las Vegas and California, in addition to a sprinkling of local residents. They were a mix of young couples, retirees look-

ing for second homes and families from Kingman, he said.

Rhodes Homes did not allow the purchase of more than one home by any one person. This helps ensure the exclusion of speculators. It is not stipulated in the contract, however, that the owner must live in the home.

Rhodes Homes is the largest private homebuilder in Las Vegas and a pioneer in the development of master-planned communities in the Las Vegas Valley, such as Rhodes Ranch and the Tuscan Residential Village.

According to company material, The Villas in Kingman have been especially designed to meet the demand for quality housing within the reach of working families in the Kingman area.

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