



Stephen Calhoun.

SUSPECT: Man faces multiple charges for burglary

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Patrol deputies, along with members of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, utilized an armored vehicle and DCSO patrol K9 Ezel to enter the home and determine no one was inside. According to DCSO, an investigation revealed Calhoun had broken a window to the occupied home trying to gain entry. Calhoun left the first residence after breaking the window and later unlawfully entered a nearby neighboring residence just before being detained by the deputy. Calhoun was booked into the Deschutes County Jail on multiple charges, including first-degree burglary, attempted burglary and possession of methamphetamine.

FBI: Cybercrimes on the rise due to sophisticated scams

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press

PORTLAND (AP) — On December 14, 2018, Aaron Cole was about to buy a new house and received an email that he thought was from his title company, directing him to make a \$123,000 deposit.

Cole complied, not realizing that a sophisticated hacker network had likely been spying on his communications with the title company and that although the email looked like others he had received from the title company, this time, the email address was slightly different.

A week later, the title company called, advising him it was time to send money. The Oregon man suddenly realized he had given away his family's life savings to criminals. The money was from the sale of their former house.

"It was the worst feeling," Cole said Friday. "And then having to go home and tell my wife that I just gave away all the money. She could tell right when I walked in the house and just sat down, and I just couldn't come up with the words to tell her."

In 2015, \$220 million was lost to wire fraud in the

United States. In 2019, losses will surpass \$1.5 billion, according to WFG National Title Insurance Company.

In the past, attempts to trick people were often clumsy, FBI agents told journalists on Friday. Now they can be sophisticated. If people are asked via email to transfer money under a deadline, they should not rush and instead call a known number of the person the email is purportedly from and confirm the request, the agents said.

"The emails have gotten well-crafted and quite detailed. They're highly tailored to that particular victim," said Gabriel Gundersen, an FBI supervisory special agent with the Oregon Cyber Task Force.

In one of the largest cases of its kind in U.S. history, federal authorities in Los Angeles announced an indictment in August charging 80 people, most of them Nigerians, with stealing \$6 million in an email scam and money-laundering network.

CHRISTMAS: Sisters charity has an international reach

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And if you've had trouble finding postcards in Sisters lately it might be because three local women offered to send postcards with personal messages to children in another five orphanages. The

260 postcards depict scenes from Central Oregon, including downtown Sisters and the Three Sisters. One orphanage administrator wrote that the postcards the girls received were so special to them that they kept the cards under their pillows at night.

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