

Program keeps repeat offenders behind bars

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Making a living from crime might get tougher in Lane County thanks to the Repeat Offender Program.

The program's goal is to reduce the crime rate by incarcer-

ating high offenders, said Daryl Larson, assistant district attorney. The program responds to studies which indicate repeat offenders pose a higher threat to the public, Larson said, and that the most effective way to deal with recidivism is to incapacitate them for the longest

amount of time.

Overcrowded jails, increasing crime and a shortage of police resources have resulted in the decriminalization of certain minor crimes over the years and has led to what police call a "career criminal," said Tim Birr, public information officer

for Eugene Emergency Services.

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National studies indicate that a small percentage of criminals commit over half the nation's crimes. The Repeat Offender Program developed in response to these conditions, Birr said.

Sgt. Greg Zahar of the Eu-

state penitentiary in 1986 for two felony convictions — first-degree burglary and first-degree theft.

Jones was released from prison in 1988 on temporary leave, a type of probation where the criminal fulfills his sentence outside of prison under supervision. Jones went to live with his mother. In October 1988, Jones was arrested for two counts first-degree theft. Jones was charged with stealing and selling his mother's and sister's

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gene Police Department said he estimates repeat offenders account for half the arrests Eugene police officers make in one day. Eugene police have already identified 3,000 repeat offenders since the program began in September 1988.

The program was designed for people such as Paul Bradford Jones, a 22-year-old Eugene-Springfield area resident sentenced to 20 years in the

wedding rings.

Jones was released from custody while awaiting sentencing. Nine days after the first 1988 arrest, Jones was arrested again, this time for the burglary of a drugstore and post office.

Jones had allegedly tried to sell two undercover policemen \$20,000 in postage stamps. Jones and two friends are also

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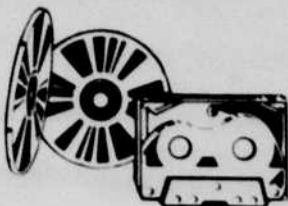
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