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Police draw guns for drug bust

Patrick Mitchelltree

For the Oregon Daily Emerald

People eating at the Glenwood Restaurant got a thrill late Monday night, as several Eugene police officers pulled up and, guns drawn, rushed into the alley along side the restaurant.

The police were responding to a report of a drug deal, given by security officer David Knight of Valley Security. When the police reached the scene, the suspects attempted to flee, and the police reacted by drawing their guns.

"When we arrived, they were trying to run. We responded as

we did until we knew what was going on," said arresting officer T. Fitzpatrick, of the Eugene Department of Public Safety.

The police seized more than an ounce of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia from the car, witnesses said. The car was a tan four-door Volkswagen sedan.

After an hour of questioning, three white males were released with citations and one white female, 18, was arrested on dealing charges and taken into custody.

"It was crazy," said University student Scott Minter, who was

driving down the alley at the time of the arrest. "I saw a cop out of the corner of my eye with a flashlight and a gun pointed at this car. Then a cop runs up to my car with his gun drawn. I yelled 'further down, further down.' Then all these other cops show up."

The alley was the site of a stabbing earlier this week, and residents of the apartment complexes nearby said they've seen a lot of activity there in past months. The area is regularly patrolled by Valley Security, which has done services for the University in the past.

FIRE CUTS

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service internally."

City Manager Micheal Gleason told the committee there was no unwillingness to cut within the city. But he wanted to know where the committee wanted to be involved.

To help fill the gap, the committee voted to direct the city manager to make up the needed money from reductions (not adversely impacting service to citizens, city council or citizen committees).

The other way to fill the gap is to evaluate the way things are run in the city. Keller suggested buying the standard legal note pads instead of the mauve pads the city currently uses. She also suggested looking into changing the way the city sends out publications. The intent is to find a way to do what the city does, just a little cheaper.

"I would rather see \$100,000 come out of materials and services and from doing things differently (than the Eugene Celebration)," committee member Alan Zelenka said.

The Eugene Celebration, cut at last week's meeting, was brought up again by a few committee members. One member suggested putting the celebration

back on the list of saved programs to find an alternative way to fund them.

But, Steve Lee suggested corporate sponsors as a way to offset the cuts made to the celebration.

The Eugene Celebration has shown the committee is capable of raising support in the community. The community has shown it is receptive to solicitations of support, Keller said.

The recommendations from the city manager will be brought along with tabled items from this meeting to the spring budget meetings. Then the committee will decide on further cuts and amendments to the budget.

The city proposed a measure in May to sell general obligation bonds to fund a new library, community policing program, building maintenance and fire services. The measure was defeated.

Philip Weiler, Eugene's public information analyst, said after the defeat, the city held meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to discuss why the measure had failed.

Most of the citizens who attended the hearings said they wanted to vote for the library only, without attached projects. They also said the city should pay for fire services out of its own general budget,

LAWSUIT

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a March 26 letter he sent to Hazel O'Leary, secretary of the Department of Energy.

The suit alleges that the University is defrauding the DOE by receiving grant money for instituting energy conservation measures it abandoned.

Johnston claims that it was Hecht and the University Vice President, Dan Williams, who decided to end the program and thus violated federal and state law.

In June, Hecht and Neet found out about the letter and began harassing Johnston, the suit said, culminating in an Aug. 10

reprimand that threatened to fire Johnston if another letter was written.

"You are ... formally reprimanded for including false and defamatory material ... in your referenced letter to Ms. O'Leary," according to the reprimand quoted in the suit. "If you continue to engage in such behavior, you will be subject to further disciplinary action ... including dismissal."

Threats against Johnston continued until the time he filed his suit, according to the document.

Johnston claims the harassment has harmed his health and requests \$1,500 to recover medical costs.

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Other damages Johnston is suing for include \$100,000 for damages to his reputation and \$25,000 for unspecified, non-monetary damages.

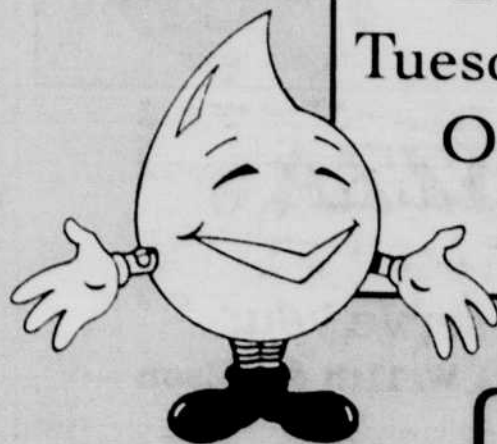
In a phone interview with Hecht, he said the Physical Plant hasn't directly received federal money.

Grants often come through other agencies, like EWEB, so the actual source of the money might not immediately be known.

The suit doesn't specify what energy measures were abandoned and doesn't reveal the exact source of the grant.

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