

Suspect arrested after series of armed robberies in Southwest and Southeast Portland

POLICE BLOTTER

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In the evening hours of Monday, Dec. 14 Portland Police Central Precinct officers responded to several reports of a person armed with a shotgun. In one incident it was reported that the suspect fired shots at a downtown business but did not injure anyone.

Armed robberies were reported in Southwest and Southeast Portland before a person believed to be the suspect was taken into custody after the last robbery at the Milwaukie Market, located at 4401 SE Milwaukie Ave. The person was located by a Portland Police Canine Unit officer in the area of the robbery.

The suspect arrested in the Dec.14 armed robbery crime spree has been identified as 26-year-old Patrick Miles Gazeley-Romney of Southwest Portland. Gazeley-Romney was booked into the Multnomah County Jail on charges of Robbery in the First Degree (four counts).

Gazeley-Romney will face additional charges in Multnomah County and Washington County after the cases are reviewed by

Grand Juries. At press time, he was scheduled to be arraigned on Dec.16 in Multnomah County Court.

The investigation started on the evening of Dec. 14 at 9:24 p.m., when Central Precinct officers responded to Chico's, located at 2405 W. Burnside St. on the report of gunshots fired into the business. Officers arrived in the area and located evidence that a shotgun had been fired into the business. Nobody was injured in the business and the suspect quickly left the area.

As officers were investigating that incident, a resident near Southwest Vista Avenue and Market Street Drive, not far from the first call, reported a burglar armed with a shotgun. Multiple officers, including Police Canine Units, responded to the area and searched for the suspect but did not locate him. Nobody was injured in the burglary and no shots were fired.

At 9:15 p.m., the Beaverton Police Department responded to an armed robbery in the 8200 block of Southwest Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. The suspect, armed with a shotgun, robbed a victim of cash and his wallet after the victim got money from an automated teller machine.

At 10:28 p.m., Central Precinct officers responded to the report of

a traffic crash in the 6300 block of Southwest Capitol Highway but quickly learned that one of the drivers involved in the crash had been speeding away from a man armed with a shotgun trying to rob her.

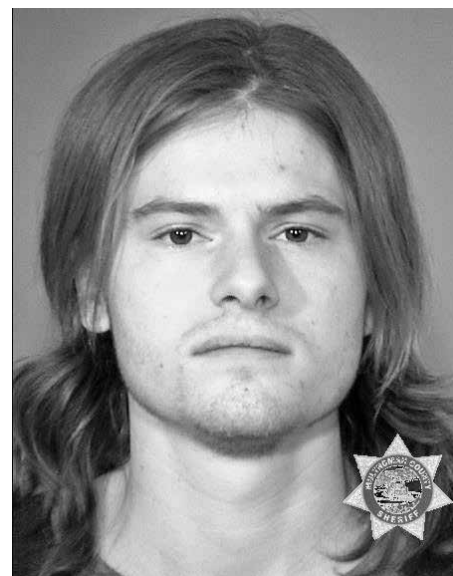
At 10:35 p.m., the Swan Mart, located at 4440 SW Barbur Blvd, reported that they were robbed by a man with a shotgun.

At 10:59 p.m., the Milwaukie Market, located at 4401 SE Milwaukie Blvd, reported that they were robbed by a man with a shotgun.

Officers were in the area of the final robbery and at 11:06 p.m., a Canine Unit officer, who had viewed surveillance video of the suspect in an earlier robbery, saw a man matching the suspect's description in the area and took him into custody without incident.

Officers searching the neighborhood located a vehicle believed to be used by the suspect during the crime spree. During a search of the vehicle, robbery detectives located additional evidence linking the suspect to the robbery spree, including a shotgun.

This investigation was a joint operation with Portland Police Bureau's Central Precinct, Canine Unit, Robbery Detail detectives, and the Beaverton Police Department.



Patrick Miles Gazeley-Romney
(Multnomah County Sheriff photo)

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