

Port Orford Police report

Aug. 16
Police assisted Coos Forest Patrol and Curry County Sheriff's Office on a call of a fire in the area of Rocky Point. The fire possibly caused by a transient leaving an open camp fire causing the surrounding area to catch fire, was put out. The case is being investigated by Coos Forest Patrol.

Aug. 17
Police responded to an address on Arizona Street in reference to a complaint of a possible assault. The suspect was gone when police arrived and after an investigation it was determined to be a verbal dispute, and no other action was taken.

Aug. 19
1.) On a complaint of juveniles drinking at a party on Battle Rock Beach, police responded to the area and made contact. One minor was cited for Minor in Possession of Alcohol by Consumption and another minor

fled the area but was identified as a person currently on probation. The case is pending review by the probation department, and further investigation.

2.) Police took a report of a burglary at a residence on 12th Street. Unknown persons forced entry into a residence and caused an undetermined amount of damage by discharging fireworks inside the residence. A large amount of evidence was seized from the residences and will be sent to the Oregon State Crime Lab for analysis. If anyone has any information please contact police at one of the numbers below.

Aug. 20
1.) Police took a report that one three gallon and one gallon gas can was stolen from a vehicle on Hamlet Street. If anyone has any information regarding this theft please contact police.

2.) It was reported to police that unknown person(s) unlawfully entered a vehicle and took a stereo, and a yellow small tool box full of wrenches. If anyone has any knowledge of this theft please contact Police.

3.) Police took a report from a citizen of a hit and run accident where the owner of a vehicle struck a parked vehicle and left the scene without providing information. The case is being investigated.

4.) Police responded to 7th and Jackson Streets on a complaint of shots fired. The area was checked but no suspect was located.

Aug. 21
Police were dispatched to a fight at Ninth and Oregon Streets. After an investigation it was determined that a female and male subject were arguing and the intoxicated male subject was on probation with a no alco-

hol clause. Tom Sigvartsen was arrested pursuant to a request by Curry County Parole and Probation for probation violation.

Aug. 22
Police took an internet fraud case involving purchase of a care from Craig's list. The case is being investigated.

Chief's note: I would like to thank Battle Rock Studios for donating \$100 to help us with feeding the volunteers while the work is being completed.

I would like to thank the volunteers who are helping make the new station a reality. We already have the walls in place and the old library is starting to take shape and is looking like a police station.

This kind of dedication by citizens who volunteer their personal time to help keep costs down is the basis of volunteerism, pride in the community and demonstrates how things were done when neighbors and friends helped each other. That's the kind of community we can have again where we all work together to solve community problems.

We have been having a rash of minor thefts and are working on that problem so if anyone sees anything suspicious or people where they shouldn't be please call me on my cell phone anytime or call the sheriff's dispatch at (800) 543-8471 when you see suspicious people lurking in the night or day.

We do have some information that some of the thefts and criminal mischief's are occurring during daylight hours so keep your doors locked and watch your neighborhoods.

Remember the police are the public and the public are the police so because we can't be everywhere all the time, it takes all of us watching our communi-

ty together that keeps us all safe.

PO Police to conduct pedestrian safety enforcement
Drivers and pedestrians: Do you know the law?
Oregon's cities and towns are great for walking. But what are the laws regarding pedestrian/vehicle interaction? No one wants to hurt someone who is walking or in a wheel chair. But do you know the rules?

The Port Orford Police Department will be conducting several crosswalk enforcement actions during the first two weeks in September. Police want you to know the answers to these questions. Do you know when you need to stop for the pedestrian crossing the street? For many of us, it has been a few years since we took our driving test; some of the rules have changed. Test yourself to see how well you know current law:

1. In Oregon, a yellow traffic light means an oncoming car must:
 - a. Slow down
 - b. Not enter the intersection if the driver can safely stop
 - c. Proceed with caution
2. When another vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk or an intersection, cars traveling in adjacent lanes in the same direction should:
 - a. Stop: there may be a pedestrian in the crosswalk
 - b. Proceed with caution
 - c. Drive faster
3. When a pedestrian is crossing the street at a marked or unmarked crosswalk, drivers and bicyclists must:
 - a. Allow the pedestrian a lane plus the next lane of travel before proceeding
 - b. Allow the pedestrian to pass into the next lane before proceeding
 - c. Aim to hit them
 - d. Drive around the pedestrian

4. Speed is a major factor in pedestrian injury and fatality. What is the stopping distance and chance of fatality when traveling thirty miles an hour?

- a. 110 feet to stop, 45 percent chance of fatality
- b. 170 feet to stop, 85 percent chance of fatality
- c. 64 feet to stop, 5 percent chance of fatality

5. When a pedestrian is in a crosswalk and a driver is making a right hand turn, the driver should:

- a. Turn quickly to get out of the way of pedestrians
- b. Slow down, be sure the pedestrian sees the driver and then turn
- c. Wait until the pedestrian has crossed their lane plus the adjacent lane (plus six feet if there is a signal) before turning

"The number one things drivers can do to keep pedestrians safe is to be alert," said Crieghton, adding, "Obeying the law and watching for pedestrians in unmarked or marked crosswalks is also important."

If you have any more questions about Oregon laws, see the Oregon Driver Manual, pages 73 to 75, or visit www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/forms/manuals.shtml, or Contact Chief Creighton at (541) 332-9013.

'Red Bull' among items stolen
The Sheriff's Office is asking for help to identify the person or persons responsible for burglarizing numerous storage units at the Wilson and Ow Storage Facility located at 98121 West Benham Lane in Harbor.

Deputy Steve Carpenter responded Sunday to investigate a report that sometime during the night on Saturday/Sunday Aug. 23/24 unidentified persons forced entry into five storage units and removed over \$4,000 worth of property.

Among the items taken were five (5) red and blue neon signs stating "OPEN" and "DUTCH BROS.," twenty-seven (27) half gallon cardboard 2 percent milk cartons with the Dutch Brothers logo on all four sides, and thirty-five (35) cases of "RED BULL" energy drink.

We are asking that anyone with knowledge about these crimes or who may have seen some of this stolen property contact Deputy Carpenter or other members of the Sheriff's Office as soon as possible at (541) 247-3242 or (800) 543-8471.

Correction:
In the Wednesday, Aug. 6 issue of the Port Orford News the man pictured kissing Melissa Weinblatt on page 8 was misidentified as Bob Holt. The actual name of that lucky fellow was, of course, Bob Hale. Sorry Bob.
— Matt Hall, Ed/PON



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Services began at the funeral home in Port Orford Monday, June 9th at 9 am.

At 11am a crowd gathered at the Port Orford Cemetery for a brief Bible based heart felt talk given by David Stout, one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Nicholas John Paul Young, Jr.

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