

Youth Camp fire crew inmate assaults guard

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CHELAN, Wash. — A teen inmate from Naselle Youth Camp is recovering in a Seattle trauma unit after assaulting a female guard and then shooting himself during an attempted escape from a fire camp near Chelan.

According to a Chelan County Sheriff's Office press release, a Youth Camp fire crew was working in the Chelan Falls Fire Camp Friday when the unidentified 16-year-old youth attacked the guard and fled from the camp on foot.

On Tuesday, Norah West, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Health and Social Services, said the youth

hit the guard in the face. She was transported to a local hospital, where she was treated and released. "She's resting at home," West said.

Stole a gun

Multiple sheriff's deputies and a tracking dog canvassed the area around the fire camp Friday night, but did not locate the young man. Then, around 8 a.m. Saturday morning, a caller reported seeing the escapee sitting near the intersection of SR 150 and US 97, near Chelan Falls.

When deputies arrived and attempted to talk with him, the youth fled. After a brief chase, the youth stopped, and turning to two pursuing deputies, removed a .22-caliber revolver from the mesh athletic bag

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The deputies provided aid until medics arrived on the scene. The youth was taken to Central Washington Hospital, then transferred to Harbor-

view Medical Center in Seattle.

Longtime program

The state Department of Natural Resources has run a firefighting program at the Youth Camp for years. Qualifying youth camp residents complete classroom and hands-on training and testing in the winter and spring. Those who successfully complete the program and have good behavior records are then allowed to help fight wildfires around the state.

The youths work in conjunction with professional firefighting crews and are closely supervised at all

times. Some work on the fire line, digging trenches and clearing brush, while others work at base camps, assisting with food preparation and other support duties.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported Tuesday the social services' Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration had pulled all teen inmates from the fire line, pending further investigation of the incident.

David Griffith, a spokesman for the rehabilitation group told the newspaper that the incident was "rare," saying there have not been any previous incidents where a youth in the firefighting program stole a gun or tried to harm himself.

Three charged with meth, heroin possession in Seaside

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Three people were arrested on drug-related charges after a search warrant was served at a property in Seaside.

The Clatsop County Interagency Narcotic Team and detectives with the Seaside Police Department served a search warrant Saturday for drugs and stolen property at 1605 N. Wahanna Road.

The warrant was obtained after deputies and Seaside officers responded to several calls for service about squatting and drug-related activity at the residence, as well as numerous complaints from neighbors, according to a news release from the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office.

Officers arrested Logan Douglas Holt, 27, for two outstanding arrest warrants and delivery and possession of methamphetamine. Officers located and seized methamphetamine, heroin, digital scales, packaging material, re-



Moyer

Waddell

Holt

records of drug sales and several other controlled substances during the search. Detectives also found and recovered stolen items, hundreds of used hypodermic needles and drug paraphernalia.

"Due to the dangerous living conditions in the residence, detectives contacted the Fire Marshal of Seaside and the Clatsop County electrical inspector, who determined the residence was dangerous and uninhabitable," the release stated.

The evidence gave detectives probable cause to arrest two other suspects Monday. Vicky Renea Moyer, 43, was

arrested for delivery and possession of heroin, possession of prescription amphetamine tablets and possession of ecstasy tablets. William Berkley Waddell, 46, was arrested and charged with delivery and possession of heroin and possession of methamphetamine.

Following the arrest, detectives obtained and served another search warrant on Moyer's vehicle. They seized methamphetamine, heroin, a digital scale, several hundred dollars in cash and more records of drug sales.

The case was forwarded to the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office for review.

Purse-snatcher sought by Cannon Beach police

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CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying a male suspect in a case of theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.

Cpl. Joseph Bowman said the victim's purse was stolen in Cannon Beach on Aug. 1 and that her card was used at a Walmart in Tigard. The purse was later found at a Fred Mey-



Submitted Photo
Police are seeking the public's help in catching a purse-snatcher.

er in the Newberg area.

The suspect is a white male with short, brown hair.

At the time of the fraudulent purchases, he was wearing sandals with a checkered pattern on the top strap and a watch on his left wrist, Bowman said. He was also seen driving a silver minivan.

Anyone with information

regarding this individual should contact the Cannon Beach Police Department at 503-436-2811, or email police@ci.cannon-beach.or.us. Police are also asking the public to share a post on the Cannon Beach Police Department's Facebook page with surveillance video and photos of the suspect.

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