

Tribe, feds seize tribal artifacts in Tacoma

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Officers from the Puyallup Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs seized scores of artifacts from an antique dealer in Tacoma on Thursday, suspecting the items were stolen.

Tribal police have a suspect, who was expected to turn himself in to tribal authorities, said Lt. Lt. Todd Wescott of the Puyallup tribal police.

"I have his number and I'll be in contact with him tomorrow," Wescott said. "The guy said he will come forth."

The items had been scheduled to be auctioned by Sanford & Son Antiques in Tacoma. The dealer's owner Alan Gorsuch said earlier this week that he believed he bought the baskets, photographs and other Native American items from a representative of the owner, 88-year-old Ramona Hawthorne, who is the daughter of a Puyallup tribal leader from a century ago.

Gorsuch has been "very cooperative with the whole procedure," said John Weymer, a spokesman for the tribe. Scrutiny on the items in the auction ramped up after an article in the newspaper. Hawthorne's neighbors began calling the police and putting up posters alerting people the items were stolen.

"I'm trying to get everyone in on this," said neighbor Brenda Hall. "I'd like to stand up and say it's a shame this is being sold. Mona has nobody. She has no one looking out for her."

The items seized include a rare Coast Salish woven basket, tribal photographs and other items.

"The tribe is extremely pleased that the items have been recovered. The security of tribal elders is of the utmost importance to the tribal council," Weymer said.

Public Service Announcement

The Public Utilities Department will be closing the road to all vehicles in front of the Warm Springs Community Center for a water mainline replacement August 1, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Utilities water department needs to replace approximately 120 feet of water mainline. In order to safely complete the job in a timely manner it is

necessary to close the road. It will be closed from the corner of Hollywood and east Tenino to the entrance of Elmer Quinn Park.

Areas that will be affected include: Elliott Heights, Rehab Street, Warm Springs Community Center (including the ball fields), and Margie Lane.

If you have any questions call Roy Spino at 553-3246.

Minn. DNR solicits trout-and-salmon artwork

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — This from the made-in-Minnesota file: the state Department of Natural Resources is looking to reel in designs for its annual Trout and Salmon Stamp contest.

Entries will be accepted for the 2010 stamp from Monday until the end of July. The angler art program is open to any Minnesota resident.

Eligible species are brook, brown, rainbow, splake and lake

trout, coho, pink and Atlantic salmon.

The stamps serve two purposes.

They are required for anglers fishing in designated trout streams and lakes or when

they're in possession of a trout or salmon. They are sold in conjunction with regular fishing licenses.

Some people also buy them for collectable reasons.

Judging of entries will take place Aug. 6.

Notice for Acquisitions

The Museum at Warm Springs wishes to enhance the permanent collection by accepting artifacts and archival materials for consideration during an appraisal process. The Museum will accept objects starting Monday, August 3, the deadline will be Friday, August 14, at 5:00 p.m. All objects must be accompanied by an object history form available at the Museum. Objects can also be submitted for appraisal only, donations are always welcome. Museum policy is one object per family or household.

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