

Shoplifting: Many cases drug-related

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face jail time and more serious charges.

Nov. 14

A man who'd gone to Fred Meyer to cash a check at the service desk had his mountain bike stolen by a shoplifter.

He'd left the bicycle just inside the entrance near the Redbox booth about 3:20 p.m. Nov. 14 and when he returned a few minutes later it was gone.

Police officers went to the loss-prevention office and, while looking through surveillance tape, spotted the man stealing the bike. He'd also taken items from the store. Both police and store officers recognized the man from previous shoplifting arrests. This case is still under investigation.

FRIDAY

Loss-prevention officers were walking the sales floor on Black Friday when they spotted a man take clothes, heavy-duty gloves, a watch, flashlight and batteries and leave the store without paying.

When confronted, he returned to the store, but then attempted to get away with the stolen items, grabbing a female officer and pushing the store's manager, who had come to her assistance. He struggled with the manager, who got him under control until police arrived.

Kevin Glegor, 29, of Astoria told police he was recently homeless and needed the items to survive.

He was booked for shoplifting and strong-arm robbery. Officers discovered he also is on post-prison supervision.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY

On Saturday, a man who'd been trespassed previously from Fred Meyer returned to the store and stole a

sweatshirt.

The next day, during the police investigation of the case, they went to a home on King Street, where the suspected thief had been staying. The homeowner told them the man had just left to go to Fred Meyer with a friend.

When officers walked into the grocery side, a cashier told them a man had just ridden his bicycle through the store without paying for groceries, according to a police report.

An officer driving up to the other end of the store spotted the man riding away.

The thief ditched the bike at Highway 101 and Neptune and ran into the brush. The sheriff's K-9 unit was called in for assistance and the man eventually surrendered.

Patrick Ray Carlson, 28, of Warrenton was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting, criminal trespassing, burglary and resisting arrest.

The friend who was with him, Paige A. Hart, 29, of Warrenton, was arrested for investigation of criminal trespassing.

MONDAY

On Monday, the loss-prevention office was notified that a woman who had previously stolen items from the store was back.

Summer watched her take an Adidas tote bag and stash items from the apparel department inside. Next she went to the home department and took batteries.

Then she went into the women's restroom and changed clothes and shoes and attempted to impair the security tag. She then walked past the checkout area and out of the store.

When the loss-prevention officer stopped her, she refused to return to the store and when the officer attempt-

ed to take back the items in the bag, the woman fought with her, according to a police report. Eventually she ran off the property and, once police arrived, they searched the area and contacted nearby businesses.

Inside the bags, officers found illegal drugs, a box of syringes and other drug paraphernalia as well as a filled-out job application for Jim's Roadside Grill, according to police.

Police learned the 29-year-old Astoria woman is on probation for possession of a controlled substance and they were attempting to contact her through her probation officer and the address on the application.

Public Safety Calls

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Two teenage boys were cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol and marijuana.

FIRE CALLS

•Fire alarm, 9:40 a.m. Nov. 21, Coast Guard Air Station.

MEDICAL CALLS

•Female with chest pain, 11:26 a.m. Nov. 20, 100 block Southeast Neptune Avenue.

•Female fall patient, 12:07 p.m. Nov. 20, 2200 block Southeast Dolphin Avenue.

•Female with leg pain having difficulty breathing, 6 p.m. Nov. 21, 200 block SW Alder Avenue.

•Male infant having difficulty breathing, 4:54 a.m. Nov. 22, 2200 block Southeast Hebe.

•Female with difficulty breathing, 9:57 a.m. Nov. 22, 1500 block Southwest Pine Drive.

•Female with severe cut on leg, 1:48 p.m. Nov. 22, 1400 block Southeast Discovery Lane.

•Female who fell needs help up, 6:10 p.m. Nov. 22, 1100 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

•Male fall patient, 6:19 p.m. Nov. 23, 100 block Northwest Fourth Street.

•Male with low blood pressure,

City names public works director

The Columbia Press

Collin Stelzig has been named public works director for the city of Warrenton, effective today.

He replaces Jim Dunn, who left the post after just a year to accept a position as parks superintendent for the city of Gresham.

Stelzig was hired as city engineer in January 2016. Prior to that, he served for 11 years as the city's consultant on levy certification.

"Collin is already well versed in the city's infrastructure needs and issues," City Manager Linda Engbretson said. "He has lived and worked in the area for many years and is very fa-

miliar with the community. We're happy to have Collin step into the role ... as we all work together to see Warrenton continue as a great community to work, live and play."

The city engineer position will be revised to make it more like a project manager post, she said.

There are big projects on Stelzig's plate. The city is constructing a sewer force main that included boring under the Skipanon River, extending a water line to Hammond, replacing all the city's residential water meters and doing a large study to help determine how and where water is leaking from the system.

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