

## Couple arrested after cross-country crime spree

An Oklahoma couple was arrested July 19 on suspicion of using credit cards they stole from a car parked at Fort Columbia near Chinook and going on a spending spree in Warrenton.

Dylan Cole Deshields, 24, and Shylo Amanda Short, 22, both of Bartlesville, Okla., were arrested in Colorado Springs, Colo., after a nationwide crime spree.

They are suspected of stealing a car in Las Vegas on June 14, driving



Deshields



Short

Walmart, was found burned in Ramona, Calif., a small

town in San Diego County. Another vehicle was stolen in that area.

to the Northwest, breaking into the car in Washington state and using the victim's credit cards to purchase items at the Warrenton Dairy Queen, Fred Meyer and Walmart, plus a gas station and coffee shop in Astoria.

Similar thefts were reported along the west coast as they moved south.

On July 1, the maroon Hyundai Sonata pictured in surveillance photos from Walmart, was found burned in Ramona, Calif., a small

town in San Diego County. Another vehicle was stolen in that area.

On July 11, the couple were arrested in Colorado Springs, still in possession of the car stolen from San Diego County.

They were booked in El Paso County Jail in Colorado on fugitive-from-justice warrants out of Kansas, Oklahoma and Florida.

Warrenton Police intend to ask the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office to file charges of identity theft, forgery fraudulent use of a credit card and third-degree theft. Washington state also is expected to file charges.

## Columbia Press wins awards in state contest

The Columbia Press won four awards in the annual Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

Winners were announced July 21 at the association's annual convention in Bend. In most categories, publications and their journalists compete against newspapers of similar size for work done statewide throughout 2017.

Columbia Press Editor Cindy Yingst won second place in Best Overall Writing for a selection of stories in 2017.

Emma Edwards won second place for Best Local Column for a selection of Senior Moments columns.

Yingst won second place for Best Coverage of Business and Economic News for the story "Shrinking farmland: Why we should care that

Clatsop County's farmers are getting old."

Yingst also won a second-place award for Best Government Coverage for her story "Eighth Street Dam: A controversy that won't quit."

The Daily Astorian, which competes in a different circulation category, won four first-place awards, three second-place awards and two third-place awards.

### Public Safety Calls

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p.m. July 18, Fort Stevens State Park campground.

•Aid female from capsized boat, 3:17 p.m. July 18, Coast Guard Air Station Astoria.

•Female in and out of consciousness, 11:38 a.m. July 19, 1600 block Ensign Lane.

•Female with chest pain, 11:47 a.m. July 19, 100 block South Highway 101.

•Male vomiting, 12:18 p.m. July 19, 1600 block East Harbor Drive.

•Impaired male, 3:09 p.m. July 19, 2000 block Southeast Chokeberry Avenue.

•Female fall patient, 5:01 p.m.

July 19, 700 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

•Intoxicated male who fell in parking lot, 6:03 p.m. July 19, 600 block South Highway 101.

•Male involved in bike accident, 1:25 p.m. July 20, Coffenberry Lake Fort Stevens State Park.

•Female with broken leg, 2:34 p.m. July 20, on beach south of Peter Iredale shipwreck.

•Female with chest pain, 3:34 p.m. July 20, 1600 block Southeast Ensign Lane.

•Female lift assist, 10:03 a.m. July 22, 90900 block Highway 101.

•Female with head injury from

fall, 11:11 a.m. July 22, 1100 block Nautical Drive.

•Male with abdominal pain, 1:07 p.m. July 22, 33200 block Bi Water Lane.

•Male with medical problems rescued from boat off shore, 2:01 p.m. July 22, Coast Guard Air Station Astoria.

•Female with dog bite, 2:15 p.m. July 22, 1100 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

•Male vomiting, 2:58 p.m. July 22, 300 block Southwest Jade Place.

•Male with cut finger, 5:59 p.m. July 22, 100 block South Highway 101.

## Look out for wanted motorcyclist

Police have asked for the public's help to locate a motorcyclist who fled from a police officer who pulled him over for speeding.

The motorcycle is a sport-bike type with a black gas tank and red stripe running front to back. It bears Oregon license plate MC47260 or something similar, as officers were unable to find it in the Department of Motor Vehicles database.

An officer was near Fred Meyer about 9:30 p.m. July 17 when she heard a motorcycle rev its engine and accelerate at high speed.

She followed it while it made a left turn onto Marlin Avenue and accelerated to 47 in the posted 35 mph zone.

The officer activated her lights when the motorcyclist

slowed for the stop sign at Highway 101 Business.

The motorcycle's driver was slow to yield, but eventually pulled over near Airport Road.

As the officer approached, she asked the driver to dismount.

"He looked at me, rocked the bike back and forth twice and then took off at a high rate of speed," the officer wrote in a report.

Other officers joined in the search, but the motorcyclist could not be found.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to contact Warrenton Police Department by calling 503-325-8661 and asking to speak to an on-duty Warrenton officer or email [policechief@ci.warrenton.or.us](mailto:policechief@ci.warrenton.or.us).

## River dredging begins Wednesday

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers begins dredging at the Mouth of the Columbia River on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

The corps dredges the area annually to maintain the federal navigation channel for commercial shipping. An estimated 4 million cubic yards

of sediment will be removed.

The project will be complete by Dec. 15.

Commercial and recreational fishermen with equipment in the area should consult the Coast Guard's local notice to mariners for information about the operation.

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