

Oregon universities form pact to share intellectual property rights

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OHSU

Five Oregon universities have signed agreements to strengthen collaboration leading to new scientific discoveries.

The agreements clarify ownership of intellectual property for discoveries made as a result of research jointly conducted among scientists employed by Oregon Health & Science University, the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology. University leaders say the agreements will ease the ability of scientists to work together to advance scientific discovery, rather than each institution attempting to go it alone.

"Oregon is a small state," said Peter Barr-Gillespie, Ph.D., OHSU executive vice president and chief research officer. "We believe the collaborative model will work better to generate new discoveries and products because it en-

ables our scientists to draw on the combined strengths of all of our institutions."

Historically, concerns about ownership of intellectual property dampened enthusiasm for such research collaborations.

The new agreements provide a unified understanding about sharing intellectual property developed by a scientist who may be employed by more than one university, or between scientists collaborating among the state universities.

It marks the latest milestone in a long-standing effort to improve collaboration.

The latest agreements are technical but significant in clarifying shared ownership of intellectual property.

"Each university always looks to protect their interest," Barr-Gillespie said. "It's far better to get the intellectual property cleared in advance so it doesn't become a sticking point later."



Barr-Gillespie

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Public safety calls

THEFTS AND BURGLARIES

•Shoplifting, 2:14 p.m. Dec. 6, Rite Aid. Diane S. Moore, 56, of Warrenton was cited on Dec. 20 for third-degree theft after she allegedly left the store without paying for sunglasses and slippers.

•Shoplifting, 6:45 p.m. Dec. 16, Walmart. Angela Marie Cushman, 38, of Seaside was cited for third-degree theft and criminal mischief after she allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for \$64 in portable batteries and men's clothes.

•Theft of bicycle, 5:30 a.m. Dec. 17, 1100 block Northwest Warrenton Drive. A man reported his \$750 orange bicycle was taken from his campsite.

•Shoplifting, 12:08 p.m. Dec. 17, Fred Meyer. James Nathaniel Zsarko, 39, no known address, was cited for third-degree theft and criminal trespassing after he allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for a \$12 camping item. He'd previously been trespassed from the store.

•Shoplifting, 4:42 p.m. Dec. 20, Walmart. Alicia A. Duffy, 36, of Astoria was cited for third-degree theft after she allegedly

attempted to leave the store without paying for \$13 in Christmas candy.

•Shoplifting, 8:50 p.m. Dec. 21, Walmart. Thomas L. Tindall, 36, of Nehalem was cited for third-degree theft and criminal mischief after he allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for \$44 in headlights.

•Shoplifting, 11:42 p.m. Dec. 22, Walmart. David B. Vickery, 35, of Astoria was cited for third-degree theft after he allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying \$67 for a knife, printer ink and a remote control.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/ DISTURBANCES

•Vandalism, 12:09 p.m. Dec. 17, Astoria-Warrenton Regional Airport. Blue and maroon spray-painted graffiti was found on an electronics shed. Damage estimated at \$200.

•Man running around parking lot yelling at people, 5:31 p.m. Dec. 18, Wendy's Drive-Through. Levi Trent Smith, 32, no known address, was arrested on suspicion of disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and resisting arrest.

•Man urinating on building, 5:45 p.m. Dec. 18, Fred Meyer. Jacob Martin Kitzman, 28, no known address, was cited for criminal trespassing.

•Two people camping in front of store, 7:08 p.m. Dec. 22, Rite Aid. Josiah M. Renn, 30, was arrested on a failure-to-appear warrant from Florence Police Department.

VEHICLES

•Hit-and-run with property damage, 7:38 p.m. Dec. 13, Skipanon Drive at Harbor Place. David Ray Searle Jr., 59, of Warrenton was cited.

•Vehicle vs. deer, 8:57 p.m. Dec. 16, Harbor Drive at King Street. The injured deer was found stuck in a fence in a nearby back yard and was put down. The meat was salvaged by a witness.

•Hit-and-run with injury, 9:18 p.m. Dec. 16, Fred Meyer parking

lot. A man from Olalla, Wash., sped through the parking lot in an attempt to elude an off-duty police officer. He lost control, struck a fixed metal barricade, struck a propane tank housing unit and caused major damage to his Nissan Altima, making it inoperable. He then ran from the scene, leaving behind his injured passenger, a 34-year-old woman from Kent, Wash. She was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital for treatment. A warrant was issued for Michael Ray Crosby, 21, wanted on suspicion of felony hit-and-run, reckless endangering, eluding and possession of heroin.

•Expired license plates, 11:11 a.m. Dec. 17, Ensign Lane at Highway 101. Driver cited.

•Three-vehicle collision, one minor injury, 12:37 p.m. Dec. 17, Alternate Highway 101 at Dolphin Road. A driver failed to brake in time for a stopped driver and rear-ended her vehicle, which lurched into the pickup stopped in front of her.

•Hit-and-run collision, 2 p.m. Dec. 17, Fred Meyer parking lot.

•Two-vehicle rear-end collision, one minor injury, 11:58 a.m. Dec. 22, Marlin Avenue at Alternate Highway 101.

•Three-vehicle collision, 12:42 p.m. Dec. 23, Youngs Bay Causeway.

•Two-vehicle collision, 1:35 p.m. Dec. 23, Youngs Bay Bridge.

FIRE AND SERVICE CALLS

•Remove downed tree, 8:23 a.m. Dec. 20, 1700 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

•Remove downed tree, 9:52 a.m. Dec. 20, Alternate Highway 101 and Jetty Avenue.

•Remove downed tree, 10:52 a.m. Dec. 20, Highway 101 Business at High Life Adventures.

•Fire alarm, 11:08 a.m. Dec. 20, 200 block Southwest Main Court.

•Arcing power line, 12:30 p.m. Dec. 20, 500 block East Harbor Drive.

•Blown transformer, 12:32 p.m. Dec. 20, King Street and East Harbor Drive.

The week ahead

Public Meetings

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

•County sheriff transfer ceremony, 2 p.m., Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria.

Groups & Events

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

•New Year's Day.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

•Story and art, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Warrenton Community Library, 160 S. Main Ave. Topic: Penguins.

