

## Vernonia Police Report

Abbreviations: MIP, Minor In Possession of Intoxicants; DUII, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; MVA, Motor Vehicle Accident; CCSO, Columbia County Sheriff's Office; OSP, Oregon State Police; WCSO, Washington County Sheriff's Office.

April 1 - Harassment on Knott St., suspects interviewed; no charges filed.

Noise complaint, Spencer Ave. Criminal Mischief, student's bike vandalized while parked in front of WGS.

April 2 - Noise complaint on A St. Juvenile runaway reportedly left town with a cousin, also reported as runaway; both returned to residence in Vernonia, parents were notified.

April 3 - Complaint from representative of Columbia County agency regarding a NSF check written to them by local business. DA's office contacted, but could not prosecute because the business had closed.

April 4 - Criminal Mischief to vehicle on Maple St. After vehicle wouldn't start, a large amount of water was found in the gasoline; no suspects.

Resident on First Ave. signed complaint against owners of habitually barking dog; Judy I. White, Vernonia, cited for Allowing Dog to be Public Nuisance.

Alarm at VHS, coach stated a player had entered and set off alarm.

April 5 - Officer requested to remove unwanted person from business on Bridge St.

Alarm at WGS, open door; building searched and secured.

Alarm at WGS, motion detector set off; building searched and secured.

April 7 - Investigated 9-1-1 hang-up calls from residence on Mississippi St., four juveniles were playing with phone; incident handled through parents.

April 8 - David E. Isaacson, Vernonia, taken to CCSO jail by order of VJC.

Assisted VFD with car fire on E Bridge St.

April 9 - Responded to Polk Ave regarding an assault, both parties interviewed; Scott A. Ferguson, Vernonia, arrested for Assault IV, taken to CCSO jail; male juvenile also charged with Assault IV and referred to Juv. Dept.

April 11 - Request to locate juvenile who had left residence after curfew; located and returned to parent.

Alarm at business on Washington St.; building secured.

April 12 - Theft from residence on Juniper St., most property located and returned; case under investigation.

April 13 - Assisted Vernonia Ambulance with call on Hwy 47 S.

Had WCSO serve Edmond J. Bartholomey, Beaverton, with citation for Zoning Ordinance Violation in Vernonia.

April 14 - Investigated 9-1-1 hang-up call from residence on Ruth Ave., small child was playing with phone.

April 15 - Citizen complained of being threatened and wanted officer to talk to suspect; no charges filed.

April 16 - Assisted Vernonia Ambulance.

April 17 - Hit & Run accident on Nehalem St., witness described suspect vehicle; owner of vehicle contacted and interviewed; Jeremy JW Bergren, Vernonia, cited for Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver.

Report from Public Works regarding theft of picnic table from Hawkins Park; chains securing table were cut with bolt cutter; case under investigation.

Dog complaint at residence on Arkansas Ave.; unable to locate owner of dog.

Investigated 9-1-1 hang-up call at residence on Mississippi Ave.; resident stated no one had used the phone.

April 18 - Assisted Vernonia Ambulance.

Richard L. Mestas, Vernonia, cited for Maintaining Dog as a Nuisance.

Tom C. McCusker, Portland, cited for Allowing Dog to be Public Nuisance.

April 19 - Alarm at WGS, officer found door held open by a chair; teacher had set off alarm and didn't know how to disarm it.

Alarm at VHS, E parking lot door unsecured, office door and classroom window open; responsible party called to secure building.

Tagged abandoned vehicle on Shady Lane; vehicle was towed.

Domestic dispute on Jefferson Ave., parties interviewed; situation resolved.

April 20 - Investigating theft of cellular phone and subsequent billing for calls made.

Kevin W. Vanburen and Trudy C. Vanburen, Vernonia, arrested for Assault IV, both taken to CCSO jail.

April 12 - Assisted Tigard PD with investigation by interviewing resident on Mist Dr. regarding stolen property; info sent to Tigard PD.

Unwanted person at residence on B St.; subject left scene, could not be located.

April 22 - Theft from vehicle on Jefferson Ave., suspect interviewed; property was returned; victim did not press charges.

Traffic control for CCSO at non-injury traffic accident on Hwy 47 N.

April 23 - Assisted Metro West Ambulance, contacted daughter of patient.

April 24 - James E. Grimes, Wenatchee, arrested for Endangering Welfare of a Minor; taken to CCSO jail.

James J. Jacobs Jr., Hillsboro, arrested on warrant from West Linn, taken to CCSO jail.

Talk with students on WGS playground regarding their use of foul language and disrespectful behavior; kids said they would stop.

April 26 - Richard W. Titus, Vernonia, cited for Assault IV; two juveniles cited for Criminal Mischief Three and referred to Juv. Dept.

Alarm call at WGS; all doors and windows found secure.

April 27 - Dog chasing and nipping at children at Vernonia Lake; interviews conducted. When dog was located, it tried to bite the officer who used pepper spray, causing the dog to run to a house; Richard L. Mestas, Vernonia, cited for Maintaining a Dog as a Nuisance.

April 28 - Car fire in front of Mini-Mart, officer pushed vehicle to open area of parking lot; VFD extinguished fire.

Report of obscene phone call, resident accepted a collect call and caller became vulgar. Phone bill showed call originated from phone booth at a McDonald's.

April 30 - Alarm at business on Mist Dr., doors had been forced open. Building searched, nothing found.

### NUISANCE ABATEMENTS

1307 Roseview Court #19  
873 Bridge St.

Animal Complaints..... 2  
Alarm Calls..... 8  
Motorist Assists..... 2

### MONTH OF APRIL 1997

Calls for Service..... 87  
Cases..... 40  
Cases Cleared..... 31  
Traffic Citations..... 31

### SHERIFF'S REPORT...

May 11 - Pat Dolan, Vernonia, reported the theft of a CD player from his vehicle parked at Goble Landing.

## Vernonia Justice Court

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May 13, 1997

Judge Rod McLean  
May 6, 1997

Deelda Haverland, Vernonia, accepted diversion to the charge of Reckless Driving; 6 months bench probation; Level II defensive driving course.

Traffic..... 2

### County Jail Report

The Columbia County Jail is designed to house thirty-three male prisoners and six female prisoners.

During the week of May 4-10, male population exceeded capacity every day; female population ranged from two to six. The jail was on Cite & Release status all week.

One male was booked and released for DUII and DWS. There were five Court releases due to overcrowding, including one DUII, two Assault 4, one Assault 4 and Reckless Endangering, one early release on Contempt.

Large; \$100 fine, each count.

May 20, 1997

Sam Potter, Vernonia, pleaded guilty to Assault IV; 180 days in jail suspended to 15 days; \$2500 fine suspended to \$500; 3 years probation; anger & drug treatment; no contact with victim. Pleaded guilty to Menacing; 180 days in jail suspended to 15 days; \$2500 fine suspended to \$500; 3 yrs. probation; confiscated one handgun.

Show Cause Hearings.....6

## Sheriff completes special course

Columbia County Sheriff Phillip Derby has returned after completion of a two-week program at the National Sheriffs' Institute (NSI) in Longmont, Colorado.

The NSI program was developed by the School of Public Administration of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, to develop and enhance the executive skills of sheriffs.

Derby attended with 25 other first-term sheriffs from 19 states. The program is

funded by Congress through an appropriation to the National Institute of Corrections.



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forward to participating in the opportunities that lie ahead.

What is the Chamber of Commerce? In a formal sense, our bylaws say that we are a "...non-profit corporation and its purposes shall be to promote and advance the professional, commercial, industrial, sports, recreational, cultural, agricultural and civic interests of the City of Vernonia and its surrounding area." Simply put, the Chamber of Commerce is an organization of people representing more than 40 businesses. Your friends and neighbors...the people you visit when you buy a gallon of milk, a hammer or a cheeseburger. Our interests are very likely the same as yours - to improve Vernonia's quality of life and to create business opportunities and increased economic vitality for the city.

The Chamber sponsors a number of activities throughout the year. Most notably, the Santa's Shop, Bridge Street Christmas lights and the Easter Egg Hunt. Candidate forums, a Jamboree information

booth, or occasional events such as the circus or an antique tractor/engine display are also sponsored by the Chamber. Other activities include producing and printing a brochure listing Vernonia area businesses and services. We recently added a "Vernonia Welcome" for new residents, promoting area businesses and introducing newcomers to the many opportunities in the community.

Chamber members work behind the scenes on many other events, either as individuals or as representatives of the Chamber. The Chamber recently secured a grant that is presently being used to help fund the development of the new municipal building. Once completed, the new building will house a visitor information center operated by the Chamber.

It shouldn't be surprising that the Chamber is involved in these activities. The Chamber is made up of people who care about the community. As with any all-volunteer organi-

zation, we are only as strong as those who participate. As a result, we work hard to manage our precious resources of time, money and people. We welcome current Chamber members to attend our monthly Chamber meeting, held on the second Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

Chamber membership is not exclusive to businesses. Any person with an interest in improving our community is welcome to participate. If you would like to be our guest at an upcoming Chamber meeting, feel free to call me at 429-3021 for more information.

Vernonia is at a crossroads. We have the opportunity to seize the moment and move forward, or allow momentum to stall because of apathy or a lack of teamwork. The Chamber of Commerce is committed to moving forward, and calls upon all of its members to work for the betterment of Vernonia.

Sincerely,  
Russell Green, President  
Vernonia Area  
Chamber of Commerce

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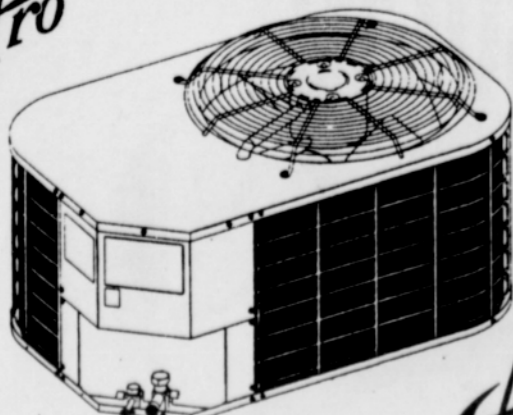
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