

## 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.

Oct. 16 - Tagged and towed abandoned vehicle from Bridge Street.

- Investigated burglary on Madison Ave.

- Check fraud reported on Riverside Dr. Referred to agency where crime occurred.

Oct. 17 - Vandalism to home on

Roseview Court.

Madeleine Gendron, Vernonia, cited for Dog at Large.

- Burglary at business on Bridge Street. Two male juveniles charged with Burglary II, Theft I, Criminal Mischief I and Curfew Violation; taken to Juv. Detention facility in Warrenton.

Oct. 27 - Baskets on Rock Creek Bridge thrown off bridge into Rock Creek. Five baskets recovered.

Oct. 30 - Investigated report of cruelty to an animal.

- Domestic disturbance on Jefferson Ave. Dianna Habel, Vernonia, arrested for Assault IV; taken to

CCSO jail.

Oct. 31 - Theft at high school. Two male juveniles charged with Theft II and Trespass; taken to Juv. Detention facility in Warrenton.

### SERVICE CALLS

Towed Vehicle for DWS/No

|                                             |    |
|---------------------------------------------|----|
| Op Lic/No ins.....                          | 2  |
| Citizen Assists.....                        | 4  |
| Agency Assists.....                         | 6  |
| Alarm Calls.....                            | 1  |
| Suspicious Person/<br>Vehicle/Incident..... | 12 |
| Animal Complaint.....                       | 4  |
| Noise Complaint.....                        | 2  |

## Chief cites traffic safety problem

The Vernonia Police Department has some concerns about traffic safety at the intersection of Bridge St. and Rose Ave. Even though traffic flows freely from two different directions on Bridge St. and Rose Ave., not requiring those vehicles to stop, drivers are still required to use turn signals. This is considered a four-way intersection.

The problem arises when vehicles are stopped at Bridge St. and Rose Ave. (facing east); it can be confusing when oncoming traffic fails to use their turn signal. The driver of the stopped vehicle has no way of knowing which direction the oncoming vehicle is going to go. Because of this, we have had complaints of close calls at this intersection.

Please remember, for your

safety and others, when in doubt, use your turn signal.

## Costly international phone scam

### SCAM alert!

Don't respond to e-mails, phone calls or web pages which tell you to call an "809" area code, cautions Vernonia Police Chief Jim Walters. It could easily cost you \$100 or more and is difficult to avoid, unless you are aware of it.

While there are different versions of the scam, here is how it works:

There will be a message on your answering machine asking you to call an 809 area code. Reasons for the call will vary, such as information regarding an ill family member, someone being arrested, someone died, you've won a wonderful prize, etc. In each case, you will be asked to call

Oct. 26 - Orville Scott, Vernonia, reported theft of gun and several Susan B. Anthony dollars from his home on Noakes Road.

Oct. 26 - Rachel C. Santos, 36, Vernonia, lost control of her vehicle on Scappoose/Vernonia Road. She was cited for careless driving and no operators license.

Oct. 28 - George C. Espinoza, 39, arrested for DUII and violation of restraining order; taken to CCSO jail.

an 809 area code phone number right away. With the many new area codes in use, people are returning these calls unknowingly.

Calling this area code from the U.S. can cost as much as \$25 per minute! Sometimes there is a long recorded message to listen to. The point is to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges.

The reason this scam works is that the 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands (the Bahamas). The 809 area code can be used as a "pay-per-call" number, similar to 900 numbers in the U.S. Since 809 is not in the United

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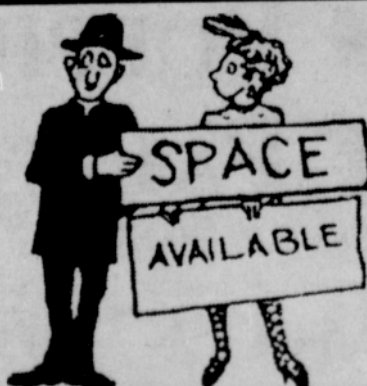
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