

Vernonia Police Report

Abbreviations: MIP, Minor In Possession of Intoxicants; DUII, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; PCS, Possession of Controlled Substance; UUMV, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle; MVA, Motor Vehicle Accident; CCSO, Columbia County Sheriff's Office; OSP, Oregon State Police; WCSO, Washington County Sheriff's Office; P & P, Probation & Parole; SCF, Services to Children & Families.

May 14 - VPD, WCSO, OSP and North Plains Police Department responded to a report of a female being held against her will and shots fired at 359 Arkansas Ave., Vernonia. Upon arrival, officers found the female to be unharmed and the male suspect had

left the building. While clearing the building, officers found growing marijuana plants in a closet. Christian J. Kitchen, 29, Vernonia, was arrested, at a later date, for Kidnapping, Possession of a Fire Arm and other charges. The case has been referred to the district attorney.

- Anthony L. Bartolomucci, 39, Vernonia, arrested by VPD. Officer found methamphetamine.

May 15 - Zackary Tavola, 26, Vernonia, arrested for Interfering with a Police Officer.

- Karleigh R. Kelly, 27, Colorado, warrant arrest.

May 16 - Responded to emergency call. Vernonia juvenile transported to the hospital due to high level of intoxication.

May 17 - Assisted CCSO with

fight on Delena-Mayger Rd.

- OSP officer responded to complaint at Napa Auto Parts and talked to two Vernonia juveniles about destruction of property.

May 21 - Contacted Ricky Bartholomew, 32, Vernonia, who had a no alcohol/tavern probation stipulation; advised him to meet with PO the next morning.

May 22 - Officer took theft report on Maple Street.

May 23 - Arrested Michael Edward Davis, 50, Warrenton, for reckless driving and DUII.

- A fight between Joann Carter and Debra Curtis, no ages given, both of Vernonia, resulted in one of them going to the hospital. VPD is investigating and has taken statements from the involved parties.

May 27 - Report of theft from two cars at high school.

- Citizen reported that a water balloon hit him as he was walking in front of the Lyons Den Tavern. Investigation determined that the balloon came from the apartment above the tavern. Several persons were observed throwing balloons at pedestrians and at cars driving by. Referred to landlord and OLCC.

- Greg Budge, no age given, Vernonia, reported finding a dead skunk in the back of his pickup truck.

May 28 - 14 year-old Vernonia juvenile taken to Longview youth correctional facility upon court order.

May 28 - VPD officer injured at Riverside Trailer Park while at-

tempting to apprehend Michael Reed, 29, Vernonia, for parole violations. Officers from CCSO, OSP Banks office, St. Helens Police K-9 and WCSO responded to track down the suspect, who ran and escaped by floating the Nehalem River about one-half mile downstream. Reed turned himself in at Vernonia PD the next day, saying that he ran because he did not

want to go back to jail until he had seen his 8 year-old son. He was taken to CCSO jail. Escape charges will be added to the Parole Violation charges. The injured officer was treated at an urgent care facility and was on leave until healed.

May 29 - A five year-old boy swimming in Rock Creek saw what he thought was a crocodile in the river. It turned out to be a purse that had been stolen from a car at the high school parking lot.

Noise Complaint.....	4
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Community Assist.....	1
Traffic.....	5

Scappoose Police Department

Quinton Richard Reed, 43, Vernonia, taken into custody for DUII.

Warning citations to decrease

The Vernonia Police Department delayed citation program has been successful in obtaining compliance and public education for drivers who are failing to wear seat belts or commit minor traffic violations, according to Chief Mike Cahill.

Beginning June 1, issuance of delayed citations will become less frequent and more actual citations, requiring an appearance in court, will become the norm. Chief Cahill reported that any good education program must also include actual enforcement. "We have been issuing a good number of

warnings and the word is out that we are stopping people who fail to obey the state law."

This was fair, since there had been a significant drop in compliance with the state law, according to Cahill.

"After six weeks of warnings, it is time to start the enforcement aspect of the law," Cahill said. He also noted that among the comments he has heard from motorists to justify their behavior is that "this is Vernonia." Chief Cahill says that his officers have had to remind them that state laws apply here, as well.

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