Multiple wildlife violations result in two arrests

Ryan Thomas, 37, of 33539 Wirta Way, Scappoose, was arrested November 23 for Wildlife crimes including Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk - No big Game Tag, Borrowing a Big Game Tag, Counseling in a Wildlife Crime, Unlawful Possession of Big Game Parts and Unlawful

Possession of Altered/ Mutilated Big Game Tag. Thomas was also charged with Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm (4 counts), Manufacture of a Controlled Substance - Marijuana, and Possession of a Controlled Substance - Mari-

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Stasha Loosli, 20, Scap-

poose, was also taken into custody and lodged for Loaning a Big Game Tag and Aiding in a Wildlife Crime.

Fish and Wildlife Troopers assigned to the St. Helens worksite were assisted by Oregon State Police and the Scappoose Police Department. Information obtained during this investigation may lead to additional arrests.

Holidays ripe for mail theft

With the holidays upon us, everyone needs to be alert to the outgoing mail being put in your mailbox and the mail being received. Money, for example, is often sent in the mail as a Christmas gift, it is also an invitation for a mail thief. Here are some tips to help avoiding mail theft:

· Do not send money in the mail.

- · Do not put outgoing mail in an unlocked mailbox.
- · Take outgoing mail to a certified U.S. Postal Service mail-
- · Before throwing out mail with personal information on it,
- · If you are going to be away stop your mail delivery.
- · If you are expecting mail and cannot be there to receive it, ask a neighbor to pick it up
- · Do not have checks mailed to an unlocked mailbox.
- · Always check your bank and credit card statements for accuracy and and to be sure there are no transactions listed that you did not incur.
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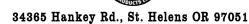
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