

From the Sheriff's Desk . . .

by Jeff Dickerson,
Columbia County Sheriff



Partnership in Conserving the Peace

I have always believed that the relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the Citizens we serve is the key ingredient to our success in conserving the peace in our county. We have worked very hard at improving our cus-

tomer service ethic and developing that connection with our citizens that encourages partnership and assistance at every possible level.

This can be seen clearly in the role played by average citizens in recent Sheriff's Office arrests involving burglaries in North County. Last week, deputies arrested a suspected burglar and, earlier, someone suspected of selling property taken in a burglary was arrested, with the help of the victims of the two burglaries.

I know that often, it takes a long time for our deputies to get to the Nehalem Valley on a call, but on one of these burglaries, both of our deputies who were working at the time, were on calls IN the Nehalem Val-

ley area, and so the delay was in responding to North County from Highway 47. The call came in at 3:14 p.m., and the first responding deputy arrived at 3:56 p.m. The delay gave the suspects time to flee the scene.

Later that evening, citizens in the area of 70740 Fernhill Rd. saw a suspect hiding in the bushes and called the sheriff. Again, deputies were out of position for a quick response, but the citizens held the suspect and waited for a deputy to arrive. Once the deputy was able to arrive, probable cause was developed to arrest the suspect for the Apiary Rd. Burglary.

On Thursday, February 10, deputies worked with
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