

MEDIA RELEASE

Neighbors Help Locate Man Accused of Attacking Garbage Truck Driver

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On Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a report of a theft in progress near SW Crestdale Drive and SW Canyon Road in the West Slope area.

A resident reported to dispatchers that he caught a man on his doorbell security camera trying to steal some shoes and a hat from their front porch. The resident was able to yell at the man to drop the items, and he ran off. The caller told dispatchers the man appeared to be high on drugs and was speaking incoherently. The suspect was described as a white man with red hair and a goatee, wearing a black jacket, no shoes, and one sock.

As deputies began to swarm the area, the driver of a nearby garbage truck told deputies that he had just been attacked by a man with a similar description. A Sheriff's Office K9 unit was in the area and joined in searching for the suspect as more reports came in that a man was running through people's yards.

At approximately 1:15 p.m., alert neighbors, including a group of bicyclists and people out walking their dogs, were able to point deputies to the location of the suspect. He was arrested without incident.

The suspect has since been identified as Austin Roach. Mr. Roach was booked into the Washington County Jail on charges of theft in the third degree, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, and harassment.



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