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Deputies Arrest Commercial Burglar on Multiple Charges

November 29, 2020

On Monday, November 16, 2020, at 3:44 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a reported commercial burglary at the Baskin Robbins at 18605 SW Farmington Road in Aloha. A citizen reported the glass front door of the business was smashed.

Deputies arrived and did not find anyone inside the location. They saw that the cash register had been pried open and was empty.

Detectives from the <u>Property Crimes Unit</u> were assigned to the investigation. After analyzing surveillance video footage and crime patterns from the area, detectives identified 28-year-old Mauricio Cesar Castro-Moreira (also known as Mauricio Cesar Castro-Cruz) as the suspect.

On Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 2:11 p.m., a patrol deputy assigned to the city of Cornelius stopped a vehicle that had been reported stolen the previous day in Aloha. The driver was Mr. Castro-Moreira. Deputies located several stolen items in the vehicle.

Deputies arrested Mr. Castro-Moreira and booked him into the Washington County Jail on the following charges:

- Burglary II
- Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
- Theft I
- Criminal Mischief I
- Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine
- False Information to Police
- Theft III

Detectives are awaiting forensic results that may link this suspect to additional commercial burglaries in Aloha.



Anyone with information on Mr. Castro-Moreira or this case is asked to call investigators at 503-629-0111, option 0.



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