MEDIA RELEASE

Deputies Arrest Two Men Driving Stolen Vehicle; Third Suspect Wanted

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On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at around 6:50 p.m., deputies from the Washington County Sheriff's Office responded to a report that a stolen vehicle was spotted in the parking lot of a grocery store on NW West Union Road in the Bethany area of the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD). Deputies were told two men had just parked the stolen car and had gone inside the grocery store. Moments later, several deputies arrived and located the two men leaving the store with multiple items they failed to pay for. The two men were questioned about the stolen vehicle where property was also recovered from a recent burglary on NW Wenmarie Drive, near NW Springville Road.

Steven Bottcher, age 32, was arrested and taken to the Washington County Jail on charges of burglary in the first degree, theft in the second degree, theft in the third degree, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and an outstanding warrant from Clackamas County.

Patrick Brogdon, age 25, was arrested and taken to the Washington County Jail on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft in the third degree, and an outstanding warrant from Multnomah County.



Charges will be referred to the <u>Washington County District Attorney's Office</u> for prosecution. Detectives are working to locate an additional suspect related to other recent burglaries in the area. If you have any information about the identity or location of the suspect shown in the attached surveillance photo, please contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 503-629-0111. Case No. 50-22-790.

The <u>Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District</u> (ESPD) provides law enforcement services for more than 237,000 residents in the urban areas outside of cities in Washington County, including Bethany, Cedar Mill, Cedar Hills, Aloha, Reedville, Garden Home, Metzger, Rock Creek, Raleigh Hills, Bull Mountain, Bonny Slope, West Slope, Oak Hills, and more. Voters first approved the ESPD in 1987 and all local option levies since then.



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