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WASHINGTON COUNTY

Media Release

Deputies Capture Burglars in Stolen Car

March 4, 2018 - This morning, Washington County deputies responded to a burglary of a home under construction. The suspects were captured in a stolen car with apparent stolen property.

On Sunday, March 4, 2018, at 12:57 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to the 15100 block of Northwest Vance Road in the community of Bethany concerning a burglary. The home is under construction and the builder had surveillance cameras for added security.

The owner was able to give Sheriff's deputies a description of two people and that were carrying items from the house to an older model car. The owner reported the car left prior to the Sheriff's deputies' arrival.

Sheriff's deputies searched the area for the suspect vehicle. Within minutes, deputies located a 1995 Honda Accord driving in the area and attempted a traffic stop. The Honda failed to stop and sped off then quickly turned down a dead-end street.



The Honda attempted to speed past the Sheriff's deputy to escape the dead-end. The Sheriff's deputy was able to utilize a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) maneuver to push the Honda off of the road. The Honda struck a light pole and came to rest in a front yard of a nearby residence.

Sheriff's deputies were able to take the driver, 32-year-old Adrian Mendoza from Portland, and his passenger, 36-year-old Melissa Springsted (Castro), also from Portland, into custody without further incident.

Sheriff's deputies found a vast amount of power tools, including a generator and other items, in the Honda that appeared to be freshly stolen. The back seat and trunk were filled with these items. The Honda was reported stolen out of Tualatin on March 2, 2018. The Honda was taken to the Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Unit to be processed for evidence.

Adrian Mendoza had a restricted knife and several burglar tools concealed on him. He also had a warrant in Multnomah County for assault in the third degree and another warrant for a state parole violation.

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Adrian Mendoza was lodged in the Washington County Jail, held without the possibility of bail. He was charged with:

- Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
- Possession of a stolen vehicle
- Attempt to elude
- Carrying a concealed weapon
- Possession of burglar tools
- Trespassing



Melissa Pauline Springsted (Castro) was lodged in the Washington County Jail, held on \$10,000 bail. She was charged with:

- Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
- Trespassing



Sheriff's deputies found items in the Honda that are likely connected to at least one car break-in in the same area. There will likely be additional charges forthcoming for both subjects as the investigation continues.

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