



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

Case #15-151650123

### Felon Uses Taser During Robbery

June 14, 2015— A convicted felon robbed a driver at Taser point and then fled the scene after backing into a parked car. Deputies located the suspect and arrested him on related charges.

June 14, 2015, at 2:02 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a tow truck driver who blocked in another driver and then stole the victim's car keys before leaving the scene. The victim reported that he observed a tow truck that was following him as he was returning home. When he turned into a cul-de-sac at SW Midline Street in Aloha, the tow truck driver blocked in his car.



According to the victim, the tow truck driver, later identified as Steven Lankford, 43, of Portland exited the truck and pointed a Taser at him, demanding his car keys. The victim, fearing for his safety, complied. Mr. Lankford quickly left the area, backing into a parked car as he departed.

Deputies located the tow truck within six minutes of the reported robbery. During their investigation, Mr. Lankford reported that the victim was driving recklessly and he was trying to stop him. Deputies also learned that Mr. Lankford is a convicted felon. Possession of a Taser by a felon is illegal.

Deputies arrested Mr. Lankford for Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapon, Robbery II, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Menacing, and Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver (Hit and Run). He is lodged in the Washington County Jail on \$250,000.00 bail.

Mr. Lankford is an independent tow truck driver not affiliated with specific company.