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Former Deputy Pleads Guilty to Harassment for Off Duty Conduct

March 22, 2016 – David Bergquist, a former Deputy at the Sheriff's Office, reached a plea agreement as part of an extensive investigation into alleged misconduct that began in April 2015. The plea included his resignation from the Sheriff's Office and a conviction for harassment.

In April, 2015, the Sheriff's Office received an anonymous email alleging misconduct by several Sheriff's Office employees. At the request of Sheriff Pat Garrett, Portland Police Bureau began an investigation into the allegations in the email. During the course of this investigation, the Sheriff also received information David Bergquist possibly engaged in inappropriate conduct off duty. Upon learning of the allegations against Mr. Bergquist, Sheriff Pat Garrett placed him on administrative leave.

The Portland Police Bureau recently concluded its investigation and forwarded the case to the Multnomah County District Attorney for review. The Multnomah County District Attorney presented Mr. Bergquist's investigation to the Clackamas County District Attorney for consideration since Mr. Bergquist's allegations reportedly occurred in the city of Wilsonville.

Today, March 22, 2016, the Clackamas County District Attorney reached a plea agreement with Mr. Bergquist, finding him guilty of one count of First Degree Harassment. He will be booked and released from the Clackamas County Jail later today. He was also required to relinquish his police certifications, and complete 18 months of probation with 24 hours of community service. On March, 18, 2016, Mr. Bergquist retired from the Sheriff's Office.

In response to Mr. Bergquist, Sheriff Pat Garrett said, "While Mr. Bergquist's conduct happened off duty, I continue to enforce the highest standards of conduct and professionalism while strengthening the foundation for change. I am committed to ensuring this type of behavior, whether on or off duty, is not part of our future. While some changes have been implemented, additional improvements may be appropriate as more information is received. I extend my gratitude to the Portland Police Bureau and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office for their important work on this case."