



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Former Employee Pleads to Official Misconduct

January 7, 2016 – Daniel Cardinal, a former Sergeant at the Sheriff's Office who resigned in May, pled "no contest" today to the crime of Official Misconduct.

In April of 2015, the Sheriff's Office received an anonymous email alleging Mr. Cardinal, amongst others, engaged in misconduct. Sheriff Pat Garrett quickly placed Mr. Cardinal on administrative leave and requested a comprehensive independent investigation into the allegations. Portland Police Bureau agreed to investigate the allegations against the individuals named in the anonymous email.

On May 1, 2015, Sheriff Pat Garrett accepted Mr. Cardinal's voluntary resignation thereby terminating Mr. Cardinal's employment with the Sheriff's Office.

The Portland Police Bureau recently concluded its investigation and forwarded the case to the Multnomah County District Attorney for review.

On January 7, 2016, a Washington County Judge accepted a "no contest" plea by Mr. Cardinal to one count of First Degree Official Misconduct. The terms of this agreement include:

- Twenty-four months bench probation.
- \$200 court costs.
- Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training police certification revoked.



Daniel Cardinal

In response to Mr. Cardinal's plea, Sheriff Pat Garrett said, "I extend my gratitude to the Portland Police Bureau and the Multnomah County District Attorney for their important work on this case. Mr. Cardinal's plea and loss of his Oregon police certification ensures he will never again work in law enforcement. I remain committed to maintaining very high professional standards, and I fully support decertification of any officer who violates the trust of the community, and this agency by engaging in criminal misconduct."