



PRESS RELEASE

Case #50151710245

Deputies Arrest Man with Large Knife

June 21, 2015 -- Yesterday Sheriff's deputies responded to a call of a "man with a knife" at the Frontier Communication equipment yard in Cornelius. Employees caught the man attempting to steal equipment and tried to detain him. The man pulled out a large Bowie knife and fled the scene. Deputies arrested him a short time later.

On Saturday, June 20, 2015, at about 7:45 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies, serving the City of Cornelius, responded to the Frontier Communications equipment yard, located at 198 N. 19th Avenue in Cornelius, on a disturbance call involving a weapon.



When deputies arrived they were told that as Frontier employees arrived for work, they saw that many of the trucks had been opened and equipment from the trucks had been stockpiled in several locations. They looked around the yard and found a man, Benjamin Johnson, 25, hiding near the fence. The employees confronted him and tried to detain him at the location while they called the police. Mr. Johnson pulled out a large 12-inch Bowie knife and threatened the employees if they didn't let him leave, he then ran down the street.



Deputies flooded the area and eventually found Mr. Johnson hiding in the woods near the Fred Meyer. Mr. Johnson was taken into custody without incident. Mr. Johnson had the knife in his possession.

Mr. Johnson was booked into the Washington County Jail on charges of Robbery I, Theft II, and Trespass II. His bail is set at \$250,000. No one was injured during this incident.