



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Previously Terminated Sheriff's Office Employee Investigated

October 15, 2016 - Washington County Detectives have suspended an investigation into a terminated employee on allegations of indecent exposure. After a review of the case following a public records request, the sheriff determined a wide-ranging release of investigative records is in the public's best interest.

On July 07, 2016, the Sheriff's Office received information alleging that a previously terminated employee, Jon Christensen, sexually harassed and coerced a co-worker at Wilco Farm Stores in Cornelius. Mr. Christensen was employed at Wilco for several months after being terminated from the Sheriff's Office in August of 2015. He was terminated from the Sheriff's Office for conduct that eventually led to his conviction of several crimes.

The victim in the Wilco case alleged that Mr. Christensen had inappropriately touched her, solicited sex acts from her, and exposed himself to her at work. After an exhaustive investigation, Detectives were unable to prove that the contact occurred and/or was unwanted and they suspended the case unless further evidence comes to light.

Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett directed the release of the police reports, the search warrant affidavit, as well as the handwritten notes from the reviewing judge. Some of the names and identifying information have been removed to protect the personal privacy of those involved. It is important to note Mr. Christensen was not charged or convicted of any crime related to these allegations. In the event anyone has additional information, please call Sheriff's Detectives at 503-846-2500.