## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Search Warrant Served After an Explosion Inside an Apartment Garage July 15, 2020

On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 4:55 a.m. Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a possible explosion at the Willow Springs Apartments located at 3240 SW Doyle Place. Firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and Sheriff's deputies went to the location and found a garage door had been severely damaged due to an explosion inside. The garage was not connected to any apartments. Firefighters identified the damage was due to an explosion. They cleared the scene as it was unknown if there were additional explosive devices.

<u>Portland Police Bureau's</u> Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) and a Washington County Sheriff's Office Arson Explosive Detective responded to the scene to investigate. Early in the afternoon, a search warrant was served on the garage to remove hazardous materials from inside.



Multiple items seized from the location will need to be disposed of immediately by EDU as they're hazardous to the community. Several other items in the garage were secured as evidence.

There is no current danger to the community related to this morning's explosion. The investigation is ongoing, and no arrests have been made at this time.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Portland Police Bureau, <u>Federal Bureau</u> of <u>Investigation</u>, and the <u>Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives</u> for their assistance in the case.

