

PRESS RELEASE

Case #13-504953

Teacher Assaults Teenager in Road-Rage Incident

April 5, 2013 –Yesterday at about 4:22 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to an assault call in the area of SW Johnson Street and SW 200th Court. This area is in the community of Aloha and part of the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD).



When deputies arrived they contacted a 17-year-old male who was bleeding from the mouth and had a swollen eye. The victim told deputies he was driving east from SW 229th Avenue on SW Johnson Street in his 2000 Acura. He said he was traveling at the 25 MPH speed limit in the residential area, and noticed a man tailgating him in a 1998 Honda. Deputies later identified the man driving the Honda as Bruce Clevenger, 62, of Aloha.

Deputies learned from the victim and other witnesses that Mr. Clevenger was tailgating the victim very closely. Mr. Clevenger passed the victim, and then drove alongside the victim's vehicle. He then steered his Honda into the teenager's vehicle causing a minor crash. Mr. Clevenger then pulled in front of the victim and they both stopped. Mr. Clevenger approached the victim's car. He was visibly angry and yelling at the victim. He pulled the victim's door open and started to punch the victim in the face. Mr. Clevenger easily overpowered the teenager who had little resistance to the assault. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries to his face, but was not transported to the hospital.

Mr. Clevenger then returned to his car and left the scene. Witnesses and the victim were able to obtain Mr. Clevenger's vehicle license plate number. Another witness had followed Mr. Clevenger to his home and called 911. Deputies responded to his home in Aloha and arrested him without incident.



Mr. Clevenger was booked into the Washington County Jail on the following charges:

- Fail to Perform the Duties of a Driver (Hit and Run)
- Reckless Driving
- Recklessly Endangering Another Person
- Assault IV (two counts)
- Harassment

Deputies learned that Mr. Clevenger is a teacher in the Beaverton School District.