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UPDATE:

June 2, 2017- On May 22, 2017, Mr. Spaulding pled guilty to one count each of encouraging child sexual abuse in the second degree, identity theft, invasion of privacy, and coercion. Today, Mr. Spaulding was sentenced to 30 months in prison. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the public and the media for their assistance in this case.

Beaverton Man Attempts to Blackmail Woman for Nude Photos

February 24, 2017 - On January 31, 2017, a Washington County Sheriff's Detective took a report of a Tigard woman who had received text messages from an unknown person, later identified as Sean Spaulding, age 21 of Beaverton. The text messages contained nude photos of the victim, which were clearly taken without her knowledge using a hidden camera. Mr. Spaulding attempted to blackmail the victim into sending additional explicit images. He threatened to post the images on social media and send them to the victim's family.

During the investigation another victim was discovered from an incident in June 2016. In that incident, detectives learned Mr. Spaulding had tricked a juvenile female victim into sending nude photos of herself to him. The investigation also uncovered instances of identity theft where Mr. Spaulding posed as a Portland woman online to attempt to obtain additional nude images of other women.

The suspect, Sean Spaulding, was arrested on February 15, 2017. Today, a Washington County grand jury returned a 10 count indictment against Spaulding for crimes including Invasion of Personal Privacy I, Encouraging Child Sex Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts), Identity Theft, Computer Crime (two counts), Coercion and Attempted Coercion (two counts).

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The Sheriff's Office believes there may be more victims and is asking anyone with information to contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 503-629-0111.

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