



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Identity Theft, Fraud Suspects Arrested After National Crime Spree**

Warrenton, OR – On June 27, 2018, the Warrenton Police Department posted an Attempt to Identify poster of a male and female suspect on the department Facebook page. The suspects used a stolen debit card from a vehicle at a Washington State Park in Chinook, WA to purchase items at the Warrenton Dairy Queen. The suspects also made purchases at the Fred Meyer Store, a coffee shop in Astoria, a gas station in Astoria, and the Walmart in Warrenton. Photos were obtained from video surveillance at DQ but they were not very clear.

Once the department obtained the purchase information from the victim in Ohio, we made a second poster using video screenshots from the Walmart surveillance video. The photos were much clearer and now we had distinct photos of the suspect's faces, tattoos, the cards they used during the purchase, and the vehicle they were driving. Both of the posters were shared hundreds of times on Facebook and reached thousands of people. One Facebook user found a photo matching vehicle from Walmart that had been stolen in Las Vegas, Nevada on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact was made through Facebook with the owner of the car and it was determined to be the same vehicle.

Crime bulletins were distributed nationally through the Oregon Titan Fusion Center (OTFC) and the Western States Information Network (WSIN) using the WPD poster and the information that had been obtained. It was learned that the two suspects were committing similar crimes all along the west coast as they move south from Washington, through Oregon, and into California. Several agencies reported similar thefts from vehicles at State Parks as well as a male and female suspect that matched our photos. Property from the various thefts was being recovered in different cities along their route and fraudulent purchases were being made with the stolen cards.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> the maroon Hyundai Sonata pictured in the WPD flyer was found in San Diego County near the City of Ramona, CA. The vehicle had been burned but stolen items and ID's were recovered inside. Adjacent to the area another vehicle was stolen.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, the WPD was notified that two suspects were arrested in Colorado Springs, Colorado in possession of the stolen vehicle from San Diego County, California. The WPD obtained booking photos for the two arrestees (see below) and they matched our suspects from Walmart. Tattoos also matched our suspects. The two suspects are:

- **Dylan Cole Deshields**, age 24, last address was Bartlesville, Oklahoma
- **Shylo Amanda Short**, age 22, last address was Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Both are being held at the El Paso County (Colorado) Jail on local charges and on Fugitive from Justice warrants from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Florida. The WPD will be submitting our report to the Clatsop County DA's Office for review for possible charges to include: Identity Theft 165.800 (C-Fel), Forgery II 165.007 (A-

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Misd), Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card 165.055 (A-Misd), Theft III 164.043 (C-Misd). The WPD admonishes that the suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

The WPD would like to thank everyone who shared our Facebook posts and for the many tips and information that were gathered by the cyber-sleuths who helped link our crimes to other crimes.

Booking photos from the El Paso County Jail:



Surveillance photo from Walmart:



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