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PRESS RELEASE

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Graffiti Vandalism and Reward

Warrenton, OR – On the morning of Monday, July 22, 2019 Officer Robert Wirt was patrolling the Warrenton City Park when he found a large amount of graffiti spray-painted on the backside of a dugout and on a large Conex box used for storage. Once he was out of his vehicle, he found even more graffiti inside the dugout. Later he was advised of additional graffiti painted on the pedestrian ramp leading to the SE 2nd kayak dock on the Skipanon River.

The two graffiti locations appear to be related to each other, possibly with the same suspect(s). The graffiti was a mixture of drawings, phrases, sentences, caricatures, cuss words, and various symbols relating to several different topics, groups, and items, some in pop-culture. I have inserted several of the photos on page 2 and redacted some of the inappropriate words that were used. I will also post full-size photos on the WPD Facebook page for review.

We are hoping someone recognizes the writing, phrases, symbols, etc. as being used by someone they know or are acquainted with. We are not sure the letters that appear to be initials are in fact initials or acronyms for something. Some of the phrases appear to be from song lyrics or writings. If you have any information on these graffiti incidents you are encouraged to contact the WPD:

- Dispatch: 503-325-8661 (this number is dedicated to the WPD at Astoria Dispatch). You can call to speak to the on-duty officer or leave any WPD Officer a voicemail.
- Officer Robert Wirt: you can leave him a voicemail at the number above or email him at rwirt@ci.warrenton.or.us
- Online Tip Line: You can go to <https://www.ci.warrenton.or.us/police/webform/criminal-tips>. This is an online form you can fill out Anonymously or add your contact information too.
- In Person: You can come to the WPD at 225 S. Main Ave. to give your information.

****** REWARD ******

The Warrenton City Commission is offering a **\$500 Reward** for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect(s) who did the graffiti at the City Park and Kayak Dock on or about July 22nd. The City Commission feels this incident is not only costly to repair but affects all citizens. The graffiti is an eyesore that uses foul and hateful language as well as inappropriate and insensitive symbols. The City will respect all requests to be anonymous and will honor such requests unless we are legally required by a court of law to disclose source information.

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