

OCEAN SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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The arrest of a 26-year old Ocean Shores man for driving on a suspended license lead to his arrest on burglary charges. Search warrants served on his car and motel room after his arrest lead to the recovery of stolen property from five burglaries reported in the Ocean Shores over the past two months.

Over the past two months, twelve burglaries had been reported to travel trailers and residences within Ocean Shores. At one crime scene a cell phone was located nearby that did not belong to the victim. Police were able to identify the owner of the phone but could not locate him.

On Sunday, Oct 1st, an Ocean Shores resident observed a suspicious person checking out a neighbor's house. The resident contacted the subject and was told the subject was a contractor. When the subject left the resident copied down the subject's license number. Checking the neighbor's house the following morning the rear door was found to have been forced open.

On Monday afternoon a local construction business reported a burglary in which a large number of tools and a computer were taken. The suspect had stolen a company van to transport the stolen items and then returned the van back to the business.

Late Monday afternoon, unrelated to these incidents, Ocean Shores officer Jeff Elmore, while driving in to work, observed a vehicle driving erratically on State Route 109. Elmore call 911 to report the vehicle and a radio broadcast was put out to North Beach area officers and deputies advising them of the vehicle. Ocean Shores Lt. Mike Styner and Officer Chris Iversen located the vehicle at the Hogan's Corner Gull Gas Station. The driver was subsequently arrested for driving on a suspended license.

It was noticed that the vehicle was the same that was observed at the scene of the Sunday burglary. The driver matched the description of the subject contacted by the witness. Inside the car was a large amount of tools and a computer. The victim of the burglary identified the items as being taken from his business.

The subject was arrested and transported to Gray Harbor County Jail.

Ocean Shores Police then obtained search warrants for the car and the suspect's motel room. Located in the motel room was stolen property from four previously reported burglaries.

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