



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

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Incident: Criminal Mischief/Theft 1/Trespass **Case: 10N-01952**

Location: Pirates Plunder, 3101 SE Ferry Slip Road

Date/Time: 10/20/2010 at 12:10 a.m.

Victim: Pirates Plunder

Arrested: Corey Allyn Melton, age 18 of Hood River
Zachary Douglas McKuhn, age 19 of Newport
Ryan M Pedersen, age 19 of Newport

Details: Only minutes after midnight on Wednesday evening, 10/20/2010, Newport Police Officers responded to a call from the night manager of the Holiday Inn Express. A hotel guest had observed several young people on the roof of the Pirates Plunder building, just east of the hotel. Newport Police Officers observed three young men in the area, both on and around the business, as well as some broken display pieces.

The suspects ran into a residential area and towards the Aquarium; they were apprehended hiding in the shrubbery. The young men admitted to being in the area, and climbing onto the business' roof, but denied taking or damaging anything.

Officers determined that a display cannon had been removed from the business; it was found a block or so away. Several pirate statues and some flags had been broken by the suspects.

All three subjects were lodged at the Lincoln County Jail. They were each charged with Theft II, Trespass II, and Criminal Mischief II, all misdemeanor crimes.

The Newport Police Department appreciates the efforts of the citizens who observed the damage occurring, called the police, and gave detailed statements. This incident is a good example of the community and police working together to make our city a great place to live, work, play and visit.

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