



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

NPD MEDIA RELEASE

12/17/10 2:30 p.m.

Incident: Craig's List Housing Fraud **Case: 10N-02259**

Location: Newport, Oregon

Date/Time: 12/16/2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Victims: Home Owner/ Renters

Suspect: Nigeria-based Rent Scam

Details: On 12/16/2010, the Newport Police Department was contacted by a Newport home owner and a Newport renter. Both parties stated that a Newport residence on South Pine Street had been placed on Craig's List as a rental property for \$600.00 per month. The correct property renter's name and address were used on Craig's List; however, the contact information returned to a phone number in Nigeria. Multiple persons attempting to rent the residence were instructed to send \$900.00 to a Nigerian address; the money was purported to cover the first month's rent and deposit. The potential renters were told that, once this money was received, they would be told how to obtain keys. Police contacted Craig's List to remove the posting. Information was then forwarded to the Federal Internet Crime Agency, and the Oregon Department of Justice.

The Newport Police Department would like to remind citizens to use caution when dealing with internet ads and social sites.

Any persons with information regarding this crime are encouraged to contact Sgt. Ken Real at 541-574-3348

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