



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

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Incident: Arrest of Burglary Suspects **Cases# 09N-02194,
09N-02207, 09N-02192,
09N-02195, 09N-02193,
09N-02208**

Locations: 155 NE 10th St., Newport
1547 N Coast Hwy, Newport
129 NW 16th St., Newport
2466 N Coast Hwy, Newport
4860 N Coast Hwy, Newport

Dates/Times: 11/22/2009 to 11/24/2009, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Victims: Mulder Sheet Metal – #09N-02194
Salon 1 – #09N-02207
Newport Plumbing – #09N-02192 and #09N-02195
S&W Real Estate – #09N-02193
Silver Spring Upholstery – #09N-02208

Suspects: Jason Eugene Dungan, age 29 from Umatilla, Oregon
Celeste Donna Lee, age 17 from Umatilla, Oregon

Details: Newport Police Officers were dispatched to investigate five local businesses that had been burglarized between 11/22/2009 and 11/24/2009, during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The burglars entered the businesses by kicking in the front doors. The locations of the burglaries have been either on Hwy 101, or one block off of Hwy 101 and north of 10th Street. The investigations led to the two above-named suspects who had started a crime spree on 11/19/2009 in The Dalles, Oregon, that ended in Newberg, Oregon on 11/24/2009.

The couple is suspected of multiple auto thefts and burglaries in Oregon and Washington. Information learned by investigators revealed that the two suspects began their string of burglaries on 11/19/2009 in The Dalles, Oregon. The couple then drove to Long Beach, Washington, crossed into Oregon and committed burglaries in Tillamook, Lincoln City, and Newport areas. During their travels, the couple is suspected of committing multiple burglaries as well as the theft of a vehicle from the Tillamook area.

The crime spree ended in Newberg, Oregon when the couple was spotted driving the stolen vehicle. A short pursuit ensued, ending when the couple crashed their vehicle. Both suspects were taken into custody.

Investigators learned that the couple had been staying in the Lincoln City area during the dates of the Newport burglaries. A search of the stolen vehicle revealed items that were taken during the burglaries in Newport. Anybody with information is asked to contact Newport Police Officer Garrett at 541-574-3348.

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