



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

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09/03/2010 11:30 a.m.

Incident: Suspicious Incident **Case: 10N-01646**

Location: Central Lincoln PUD Office
2129 N Coast Hwy, Newport, Oregon

Date/Time: 09/03/2010 at 10:05 a.m.

Details: On 09/03/2010, at about 10:05 a.m., Newport Police Officers responded to a report of a suspicious item left in a restroom in the Central Lincoln PUD office. Officers arrived and learned that the building had been evacuated, and that all employees were safe. Officers further cleared the area, blocked access to the building from Hwy 101, and interviewed employees. After examining the item, officers determined that there was no threat. The item was removed from the building.

The investigation revealed that a PUD employee had received the commercially-manufactured gag gift item the day before, and had inadvertently left it in the restroom. The item was returned to its owner, and the employees returned to work about one half hour after the original report.

No criminal charges are pending and the investigation is complete.

The Newport Police Department encourages the reporting of suspicious devices and packages to ensure public safety.

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