



# Monthly Blotter

February, 2010

Vernonia Police Department

## Phone Numbers:

**Police Department:**  
(503) 429-7335

**Dispatch Center**  
(800) 696-7795

**Emergency: 9-1-1**

### More Numbers

**District Attorney:**  
(503)397-0300

**Columbia County Sheriff's Office:**  
(503) 438-8439

**City of Vernonia:**  
(503) 429-5291

**Animal Control:**  
(503) 397-3952

**Juvenile Department:**  
(503) 397-0275

## Schedule a Ride-Along:

Contact Captain Kay at  
(503) 429-7335

**VPD Web Site**  
[www.vernonia-or.gov](http://www.vernonia-or.gov)

**The American Police Hall of Fame and Museum**  
[www.aphf.org/museum.html](http://www.aphf.org/museum.html)

## Oregon Revised Statutes

**Move Over Law** – now includes roadside assistance vehicles (vehicle with warning lights providing repair assistance to motorists with disabled vehicles) and tow vehicles to the list of vehicles that require motorists to “maintain a safe distance.”

**Enhanced Fine for DUII when BAC is over .15%** - now imposes an increased minimum fine of \$2,000 for a person convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) with a blood alcohol level (BAC) of .15% or greater.

**Juvenile DUII as a Felony Predicate** – now includes prior juvenile adjudications for driving under the influence intoxicants as a predicate for felony driving under the influence. The measure specifies that a person who has three prior convictions for driving under the influence within ten years, including prior juvenile adjudications, is a Class C felony.

**Increased Penalty for Police Animal Assault** – imposes an additional fine for committing the crimes of interfering with, or assaulting, a police animal; interfering with a police animal is a Class A misdemeanor and assaulting a police animal is a Class C felony.

**Sex Offender Registration for School Employees and Students** - addresses a gap in the sex offender reporting requirements for persons who were convicted in another jurisdiction, who move into the state of Oregon and attend school, or who get a job at an institution of higher learning. This measure will now require these individuals to register within 10 days of the first day of school or the 14<sup>th</sup> day of employment. Thereafter they have to report after any change in school attendance or employment.

**Sex Abuse by Athletic Coach Penalty** – enhances the penalty for sex abuse in the second degree when the offender is 21 years or older and is the athletic coach of the minor victim; is now a Class C felony.

Visit the [ORS website](http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/) at [www.leg.state.or.us/ors/](http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/) for more statutes.

## Safety Tips for 2010: Protect Your Home from Burglary



*American Federation of  
Police and Concerned  
Citizens*

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*Find more crime  
prevention tips on the  
[VPD website.](http://www.vernonia-or.gov)*

- Keep doors, windows, and screens locked, day and night, home or away.
- Burn a light visible from the street at night at your doorway. When away leave a light burning, preferable with a timing device.
- Never allow strangers or solicitors in your home. Always ask for credentials first, then check them out by phone.
- Encourage your neighbor's cooperation in watching each other's homes when your they are away.
- If you suspect a burglar has entered your home while you are there, quietly call the police at once. DO NOT try to apprehend an intruder by yourself.
- Learn all you can about crime prevention techniques and cooperate fully with your local police.
- Notify your local police if you intend to be away for several days.

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## Outstanding Police Work

Grand Jury warrants were issued Monday, January 25, 2010 for the arrest of 2 men identified in the burglaries at Vernonia High School in December 2009, where 16 laptop computers were taken and later recovered by Vernonia Police personnel. Jeremy Gump and Cody Winningham were named on warrants of arrest issued in the Circuit Court of State of Oregon for Columbia County. Charges on the Jeremy Gump warrant list 4 counts of Burglary in the Second Degree, and 1 count of Theft in the First Degree, with bail set at \$60,000. Charges on the Cody Winningham warrant list 4 counts of Burglary in the Second Degree, and 1 count of Theft in the First Degree, with bail set at \$75,000. Both were arrested and transported to the Columbia County jail by the Vernonia Police Department. Note: **Officer Dalrymple** took the initial reports that prompted an extensive investigation by **Sergeant Conner** and **Captain Kay**, leading to the recent arrests. Their investigation cleared numerous crimes in the City of Vernonia spanning over two years.

Crime Category	Maximum Confinement	Maximum Dollar Fine
Class A Felony	20 Years Imprisonment	\$375,000
Class B Felony	10 Years Imprisonment	\$250,000
Class C Felony	5 Years Imprisonment	\$125,000
Class A Misdemeanor	1 Year in Jail	\$6,250

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## Noteworthy Question

Can a private citizen initiate a traffic citation for an infraction they witness?

Yes, under Oregon Law ORS: 153.005 - Visit [www.or.gov](http://www.or.gov) for more information.

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## Police Vehicle Towed

Recently an officer's patrol car stopped running leaving the officer and prisoner stranded on the side of Highway 47 near the Scappoose-Vernonia turn-off. After pulling off the roadway the disabled car was exchanged, allowing the officer to continue to jail and the chief riding back in the tow truck.

Want to know who was arrested? Click to visit one of these websites:

Columbia County Sheriff's Office  
[www.columbiasheriff.com](http://www.columbiasheriff.com)

Clackamas County Sheriff's Office  
[www.co.clackamas.or.us/sheriff](http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/sheriff)

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office  
[www.mcso.us](http://www.mcso.us)

Washington County Sheriff's Office  
[www.co.washington.or.us/sheriff](http://www.co.washington.or.us/sheriff)

Busted Newspaper  
(May Require A Fee)  
[www.bustedpaper.com](http://www.bustedpaper.com)



The following crimes or contacts occurred during the month of **January 2010**.

*Blotter Details Coming Soon...*

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All requests for Juvenile Records or Reports relating to an incident should be directed to the Columbia County Juvenile Department

The Columbia County Juvenile Department handles all juvenile reports & records request. VPD blotter is designed to give a one-line summary of law enforcement contacts only. Home or street addresses may not be listed out of respect for victim's privacy. Request for complete reports should be made to Vernonia City Hall. Fees may apply as authorized by the Oregon law. Attorney fees may apply to some request. Reports involving investigations in progress may not be available. Other reports and/or records may not be available as allowed by business practices and law.