



Monthly Blotter

April, 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

The American Police Hall of

Oregon Revised Statutes

ORS 811.015 Failure to obey a traffic patrol member: (1) The driver of a vehicle commits the offense of failure to obey a traffic patrol member if: (a) A traffic patrol member makes a cautionary sign or signal to indicate that students have entered or are about to enter the crosswalk under the traffic patrol member's direction; and (b) The driver does not stop and remain stopped for students who are in or entering the crosswalk from either direction on the street on which the driver is operating. (2).

ORS 811.017 Failure to yield to traffic patrol member: (1) The driver of a vehicle commits the offense of failure to yield to a traffic patrol member if the driver fails to stop and yield the right of way to a traffic patrol member who: (a) Has entered a crosswalk for the purpose of directing students who have entered or are about to enter the crosswalk; and (b) Is carrying a flag or wearing something that identifies the person as a traffic patrol member.

Visit the ORS website at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/> for more statutes.

Good Police Work

On Sunday, March 21, 2010, Sergeant Mike Conner received a report of a shoplifter / theft occurring at the Sentry Market and that the suspect had left the store without paying for beer and other items. Upon arrival to the area, Sgt. Conner received information from store employees that lead to the identification and arrest of the shoplifter several blocks from the store. Taken into custody, charged with theft 2, and transported to Columbia County jail was Elliott Graf, age 19, who was on supervision for previous criminal behavior.

Noteworthy Question

Can I leave my vehicle running to warm it up? See ORS Chapter 811.585 for the answer at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/811.html>

Grand Jury Update:

No Grand Jury hearings this month.

Hate Crimes and Incidents

Bias motivation	Incidents	Offenses	Victims ¹	Known offenders ²
Total	7,783	9,168	9,691	6,927
Single-Bias Incidents	7,780	9,160	9,683	6,921
Race:	3,992	4,704	4,934	3,723
Anti-White	716	812	829	811
Anti-Black	2,876	3,413	3,596	2,596
Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	54	59	63	61
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	137	162	170	140
Anti-Multiple Races, Group	209	258	276	115
Religion:	1,519	1,606	1,732	632
Anti-Jewish	1,013	1,055	1,145	353
Anti-Catholic	75	75	89	35
Anti-Protestant	56	60	62	34
Anti-Islamic	105	123	130	85
Anti-Other Religion	191	212	222	90
Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	65	67	70	33
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.	14	14	14	2
Sexual Orientation:	1,297	1,617	1,706	1,460
Anti-Male Homosexual	776	948	981	921
Anti-Female Homosexual	154	194	198	156
Anti-Homosexual	307	415	466	336
Anti-Heterosexual	33	33	34	25
Anti-Bisexual	27	27	27	22
Ethnicity/National Origin:	894	1,148	1,226	1,034
Anti-Hispanic	561	735	792	711
Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin	333	413	434	323
Disability	78	85	85	72
Anti-Physical	22	28	28	26
Anti-Mental	56	57	57	46
Multiple-Bias Incidents	3	8	8	6

I recently attended training about Hate Crimes and Groups in the US, sponsored by the **Southern Poverty Law Center** (SPLC). The training was very insightful, and reinforced that citizens and communities should be concerned about individuals and groups that sponsor or support Hate. Law enforcement must work and network with both criminal justice and non-law enforcement groups to combat Hate Crimes and Incidents by being proactive versus reactive. The below article talks about this issue, and if you would like to learn more about this topic, visit the Southern Poverty Law Center web-site: (<http://www.splcenter.org/>).

03/02/2010: New SPLC Report: "Patriot" Groups, Militias Surge in Number in Past Year

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The number of extremist groups in the United States exploded in 2009 as militias and other groups steeped in wild, antigovernment conspiracy theories exploited populist anger across the country and infiltrated the mainstream, according to a report issued today by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC).

Antigovernment "Patriot" groups - militias and other extremist organizations that see the federal government as their enemy - came roaring back to life over the past year after more than a decade out of the limelight.

The SPLC documented a 244 percent increase in the number of active Patriot groups in 2009. Their numbers grew from 149 groups in 2008 to 512 groups in 2009, an astonishing addition of 363 new groups in a single year. Militias - the paramilitary arm of the Patriot movement - were a major part of the increase, growing from 42 militias in 2008 to 127 in 2009.

The report, "Rage on the Right," is the cover story in the Spring 2010 issue of the Patriot groups have been fueled by anger over the changing demographics of the country, the soaring public debt, the troubled economy and an array of initiatives by President Obama that have been branded "socialist" or even "fascist" by his political opponents.

"This extraordinary growth is a cause for grave concern," said *Intelligence Report* editor Mark Potok. "The people associated with the Patriot movement during its 1990s heyday produced an enormous amount of violence; most dramatically the Oklahoma City bombing that left 168 people dead."

The Patriot movement has made significant inroads into the conservative political scene, according to the new report. "The 'tea parties' and similar groups that have sprung up in recent months cannot fairly be considered extremist groups, but they are shot through with rich veins of radical ideas, conspiracy theories and racism," the report says.

Unlike the 1990s, the Patriot movement's central ideas are being promoted by people with large audiences, such as FOX News' Glenn Beck and U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota. Beck, for instance, reinvigorated a key Patriot conspiracy theory - the charge that the Federal Emergency Management Agency is secretly running concentration camps - before finally "debunking" it.

The growth of Patriot groups comes at a time when the number of racist hate groups stayed at record levels - rising from 926 in 2008 to 932 in 2009, according to the report. The increase caps a decade in which the number of hate groups surged by 55 percent. The expansion would have been much greater in 2009 if not for the demise of the American National Socialist Workers Party, a key neo-Nazi network whose founder was arrested in October 2008.

There also has been a surge in "nativist extremist" groups - vigilante organizations that go beyond advocating strict immigration policy and actually confront or harass suspected immigrants. These groups grew from 173 groups in 2008 to 309 in 2009, a rise of nearly 80 percent.

These three strands of the radical right - the hate groups, the nativist extremist groups, and the Patriot organizations - are the most volatile elements on the American political landscape. Taken together, their numbers increased by more than 40 percent, rising from 1,248 groups in 2008 to 1,753 last year.

There are already signs of radical right violence reminiscent of the 1990s. Right-wing extremists have murdered six law enforcement officers since Obama's inauguration. Racist skinheads and others have been arrested in alleged plots to assassinate the president. Most recently, as recounted in the new issue of the *Intelligence Report*, a number of individuals with antigovernment, survivalist or racist views have been arrested in a series of bomb cases.

The hate groups listed in this report include neo-Nazis, white nationalists, neo-Confederates, racist skinheads, Klansmen and black separatists. Other hate groups target gays or immigrants, and some specialize in producing racist music or propaganda denying the Holocaust. A list and interactive, state-by-state map of active hate groups can be viewed here [at <http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/hate-map>]. SPLC's quarterly investigative journal *Intelligence Report*.

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

Columbia County Sheriff's Office
www.columbiasheriff.com

Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
www.co.clackamas.or.us/sheriff

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
www.mcso.us

Washington County Sheriff's Office
www.co.washington.or.us/sheriff

Busted Newspaper (May Require A Fee)
www.bustedpaper.com



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

- 3/3/10 - Responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a vehicle striking two pedestrians in the intersection of Jefferson and Bridge street. Andrew Fortin (30) cited.
- 3/8/10 - Telephonic Harassment report taken at the police department. On going investigation.
- 3/8/10 - Vehicle backed into while parked near the intersection of Bridge and Jefferson street. Suspect vehicle left before leaving information. Hit and Run report taken and suspect contacted by VPD.
- 3/9/10 - Male juvenile (17) taken into protective custody on a Multnomah County arrest warrant in the 100 block of North street.
- 3/10/10 - Luke Brown (29) arrested for DUII after a crash near the intersection of Riverside drive and Bridge street. Brown was also cited for Refusal to submit to a breath test.
- 3/10/10 - Assisted DHS with an investigation in the 400 block of Mississippi Avenue.
- 3/16/10 - Male juvenile (15) referred to Columbia County Juvenile Department for Curfew violation in the area of Adams street and Bridge street.
- 3/18/10 - Criminal Mischief and Theft report taken in Anderson Park. Investigation on going.
- 3/19/10 - Hit and Run report taken in the 700 block of Bridge street. Investigation on going.
- 3/20/10 - Andrew Fortin (29) taken into custody for Probation Violation in the 700 block of Bridge street.
- 3/21/10 - Elliott Graf (19) arrested for Theft III after an incident at Sentry Market.
- 3/22/10 - Criminal Mischief III report taken in the 900 block of Bridge street after a business had graffiti painted on the side of the building.
- 3/23/10 - Male juvenile (17) taken into protective custody for a valid arrest warrant out of Columbia County.
- 3/24/10 - Criminal Mischief I report taken at Vernonia Lake after suspects vandalised several picnic tables. On going investigation.
- 3/24/10 - Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card reported in the 200 block of Louisiana avenue. On going investigation.
- 3/24/10 - Gary Self cited for Child Neglect II and Animal Abuse II in the 1100 block of Riverside Drive in conjunction with a DHS investigation.
- 3/30/10 - Assisted DHS on a possible Child Abuse report in the 1200 block of Second Avenue.

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.