



Monthly Blotter

January, 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 Fame and Museum

www.aphf.org/museum.html

Traffic Safety is everybody's business

New Oregon Traffic & Criminal Laws: Increased Penalty for Operating Motorcycle without Endorsement – is now an A traffic infraction, \$720 fine – **All Terrain Vehicle Safety Restraint Requirements:** requires the parent or legal guardian of children under age 16 to ensure that the child is secured with a safety belt or safety harness when operating or riding on a Class 1 or Class 2 all terrain vehicle while on premises open to the public – **Driving While Using a Cell Phone:** creates a Class D traffic violation (punishable by a maximum fine of \$90) – **License Suspension for Minor Failure to Appear:** requires a court to suspend a minor's drivers license if the minor, at least 13 years of age but less than 21 years, is cited for attempting to purchase alcohol or possessing alcohol and later fails to appear in court – **Fine Increase for Furnishing Alcohol:** increases the fine for knowingly furnishing alcohol to a minor or someone who is visibly intoxicated from \$350 to at least \$500 for a first conviction, from \$500 to at least \$1000 for a second conviction and from \$1000 to at least \$1500 for a third conviction – **Providing Alcohol to Underage Person Law Change:** establishes that a parent or guardian may provide alcohol to an underage person only if they are accompanying the underage person and they are in a private residence. In all other instances, a person in con control of property may not allow any person under age 21 to consume alcohol on the property and may not allow someone who is underage and who has consumed alcohol to remain on the property.

Visit the ORS Website at www.leg.state.or.us/ors/ for more statutes.



In recent weeks, a phony e-mail claiming to come from the IRS has been circulating in large numbers. The subject line of the e-mail often states that the e-mail is a notice of underreported income. The e-mail may contain an attachment or a link to bogus Web page directing taxpayers to their "tax statement." In either case, when the recipient opens the attachment or clicks on the link, they download a Trojan horse-type of virus to their computers. Malicious code (also known as malware), of which the Trojan horse is but one example, can take over the victim's computer hard drive, giving someone remote access to the computer, or it could look for passwords and other information and send them to the scammer. The scammer will then use whatever information they gather to commit identity theft, gain access to bank accounts and more. The IRS does not send unsolicited e-mails to taxpayers about their tax accounts. Anyone who receives an unsolicited e-mail claiming to come from the IRS should avoid opening any attachments or clicking on any links. People can report suspicious e-mails they receive which claim to come from the IRS to a mailbox set up for this purpose at phishing@irs.gov. Those who believe they may already be victims of identity theft should find out what do by going to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's Web site at OnGuardOnline.gov

Great Detective Work: Vernonia Police **Captain Kay & Sergeant Conner** recovered stolen lap top computers within 3 days of the burglary, solved several prior burglaries, thefts, and in the process may have identified those responsible for a city-wide crime spree. While the investigation has been referred to the District Attorneys Office, several local criminals have been identified and cases closed as a result of good police work associated with this investigation. **Good work!**

Question: Can Vernonia Police Officers stop me in my car outside of the city limits? The Oregon Revised Statutes 810.400 allows an Oregon Peace Officer authority anywhere in the State. Visit www.or.gov for more information.

Alcohol Abuse: Police & Fire were advised of an intoxicated female in the 300 block of Mist Drive had entered the next-door neighbors home uninvited. Upon arrival public safety personnel had to use passive restraints and a gurney to transport the female to a local area hospital for medical care related to her condition.

The Four Main Symptoms Of Alcoholism: Reprinted from internet article

For most of us, a trip to the bar for a drink is no big deal. Many go out with friends to have a few while socializing. Some choose to celebrate a special occasion, such as a wedding, or a promotion. Others may even use it as an opportunity to blow off a little steam after a long week at work. To some though, the act of having a few can lead to serious problems. These people suffer from an addiction to alcohol. In other words, they suffer from alcoholism, otherwise known as being an alcoholic.

Those who suffer from alcoholism don't always show signs of there being a problem. Just because they don't always appear drunk, does not mean they do not have a problem.

There are normally four different symptoms for those who suffer from alcoholism.

Number 1: A strong craving to drink. The person will have a strong desire to drink which may not go away until satisfied. This means the person may go out of their way to get a drink, which could potentially lead to personal, as well as professional problems, if these cravings are allowed to disrupt a person's normal activities.

Number 2: Losing the ability to control the amount of alcohol consumed. Most of us know when enough is enough. An alcoholic normally loses this ability, or chooses to ignore it. This can lead to frequent periods of drunkenness, which over time can lead to serious health concerns, such as cirrhosis of the liver, weakening of the immune system, brain damage, fetal damage in pregnant women, as well as an increased risk of some cancers.

Number 3: Dependency on alcohol to function. Frequent abuse of alcohol can eventually lead to dependence. This means the body will not only crave alcohol, but will need it just to function normally. Without it, the body will develop symptoms similar to those of drug addicts undergoing withdrawal symptoms. An alcoholic who is deprived of alcohol can become nauseous, shaky, sweaty, anxious and irritable.

Number 4: A high tolerance to alcohol. As anyone who has drunk regularly can tell you, over time a person will develop a higher tolerance for alcohol, the more they consume. For alcoholics this tolerance is usually far greater than for a normal person. This, along with not knowing their limits, puts an alcoholic at great risk of health problems, as mentioned previously.

In most cases, an alcoholic will not admit they have a problem, in many cases until they have hit rock bottom. If you suspect you, or someone you know may be an alcoholic, seek help immediately. There are many great organizations out there who can help with information, as well as treatment options.

If you know of a recovering alcoholic, talk to them about their experiences and if possible, develop a relationship to help further your own recovery. This can be a great tool for a newly recovering alcoholic. The mutual understanding and strength shared together can be a great source of motivation to stay sober and healthy well into the future.

Michael Russell - Your Independent guide to Alcoholism - Article Source:
http://EzineArticles.com/?expert=Michael_Russell

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 **December 2009**.

12/1/09: Theft III reported in the 400 block of First Avenue. UPS box taken from the front porch.
12/1/09: Responded to a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Jefferson and Maple street.
12/2/09: Harassment and Disorderly Conduct reported outside of Wauna Federal Credit Union. Report sent to the District Attorney for possible charges..
12/2/09: Stalking report taken near the intersection of State & A street. Report sent to the District Attorney for possible charges.
12/2/09: Report of Percrption Pills taken from a residence on Riverside Drive. Still under investigation.
12/3/09: Responded to a motor vehicle crash in the intersection of Rose Avenue and Clatsop street. Dale WIITA (47) cited for Careless Driving and Driving w/o. Insurance.
12/3/09: Tessa Workman (37) cited for Unsignaled Turn.
12/5/09: Report of a Burglary II resported in the 300 block of A street. Nothing was reported missing.
12/3/09: Death Investigation in the 900 block of 3rd avenue.
12/6/09: Report of a Burglary II reported at Vernonia Middle School. A classroom was entered and a digital camera, thumb drives and cash were taken. Still under investigation.
12/6/09: Two male juveniles bitten by a dog on Bridge street near Jefferson Street. Incident refered to Columbia County Animal Control.
12/7/09: Assisted DHS with an investigation in the 600 block of California Avenue.
12/7/09: Responded to the 1000 block of First avenue on a report of a man with a gun. Two male juvenile were contacted and counseled. Report sent to Columbia County Juvenile Department for review.
12/8/09: Report of Harassment and Disorderly Conduct taken during a city council meeting. Report sent to the District Attorney for possible charges.
12/8/09: Jay Stewart (47) cited for Violation of the Basic Rule.
12/8/09: Ralee Landhear (21) cited for Violation of the Basic Rule.
12/8/09: Burglary II reported in the 900 block of State street. Nothing reported taken.
12/10/09: Death investigation in the 1000 block of Weed avenue.
12/11/09: Responded to Vernonia Middle School on a report of several classroom entered. 16 Dell laptops, a DVD player and other items taken. Burglary II / Theft I investigation continues.
12/11/09: Criminal Mischief I reported to a vehicle parked near A street.
12/11/09: Assisted DHS with an investigation in the 200 block of C street.
12/13/09: Burglary II reported at Vernonia Public Library. Some money and a few misc items taken. Case still under investigation.
12/13/09: Criminal Mischief II / Theft III reported in the 900 block of Bridge street. Christmas Lights were taken and damaged.
12/14/09: Male juvenile contacted for Curfew Violation. Male juvenile was transported home. Juvenile referred to Columbia County Juvenile Department for Curfew Violation.
12/15/09: Byron Gray (54) arrested and lodged for Assault IV in the 500 block of Mist drive.
12/16/09: Responded to the 300 block of Mississippi for a Dog at Large call. Animal was returned home. Report sent to Columbia County Animal Control for review.

12/16/09: Shannon Fennern (20) arrested and lodged for a warrant out of Vernonia Justice Court.
12/16/09: Chelsea Taylor (25) cited for No Operators License.
12/22/09: Rex Jessop (57) cited for Careless Driving.
12/22/09: Hit and Run reported in the 800 block of Louisiana. Still under investigation.
12/25/09: Burglary II and Theft II reported at Vernonia Cares. Suspects took a safe and several cases of soft drinks. Still under investigation.
12/28/09: Assisted DHS with an investigation in the 1100 block of Riverside drive.
12/29/09: Two male juveniles were contacted for Curfew Violation. Referred to Columbia County Juvenile Department for Curfew. Juveniles escorted home.
12/30/09: Male juvenile referred to Columbia County Juvenile Department for PCS < 1oz of Marijuana.

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.