Good police work leads to arrests in various cases

Police officers perform extraordinary work every day. We can’t share all of their stories. But we would like to highlight three incidents that took place recently.

Storage unit burglaries
Portland Police recently arrested 35-year-old Travis J. Hendon after an investigation led to stolen property. Central Precinct officers took two burglary reports on February 16, 2021. These burglaries were from storage units in northwest Portland. The investigation led to the suspect who was ultimately apprehended after he crashed a vehicle and fled on foot.

Investigative leads led police to a house in the 2700 block of North Houghton Street, where they saw stolen items from one of the burglaries leaning against the outside of a house. After receiving consent to search that house, officers found more stolen property from the burglaries, as well as property stolen from other previously reported thefts. In all, officers recovered about $16,000 in stolen property.

North Precinct officers de-escalate armed man

On January 16, 2021, at 2:53 p.m., North Precinct officers responded to a stolen vehicle investigation.

Bud Lewis, the oldest Portland Police Bureau retiree, died on February 20, 2021 at the age of 100. As the former commander of the Portland Police Sunshine Division, Bud spent the last five decades dedicated to raising money and enhancing its mission. Last summer, he pledged to walk 100 laps around Duniway track to earn money for Sunshine. By his 100th birthday on August 8, 2020, he earned $125,000 for Sunshine. Last summer in a media interview Bud said: “If you show interest in, respect for, and kindness toward people, it will always be the right thing to do.” Rest in Peace, Bud Lewis.
these shooting cases, making arrests and forwarding cases to the Multnomah County District Attorney (MCDA). This team also will work collaboratively with other partners including the MCDA, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Multnomah County Parole and Probation, the Portland Office of Violence Prevention, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and investigative units from neighboring law enforcement agencies.

The Portland Police Bureau hopes to narrow the investigatory focus on repeat shooters who are responsible for many of these gunfire incidents. The goal is to take those responsible off the street and reduce the disturbing trend of gun violence in our neighborhoods.

One important component of the ECST will be an on-call team of investigators dedicated to respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the scene of shooting incidents city-wide. This team will work directly with patrol resources to immediately investigate incidents of gun violence. The on-call group will be made up of one sergeant, two detectives, and four officers.

The benefit will be that ECST personnel will be able to go to the scene of a shooting, see the crime scene and the physical evidence, interview victims, suspects, and witnesses. This will give them an advantage in immediately pursuing leads and gaining information that could help determine who’s responsible. They will also have an awareness of other shootings and may be able to connect cases together.

“The mayor has made it clear that this is a top priority and that we need to start right away. So I think this is a step in the right direction toward addressing this unacceptable gun violence we’re seeing in our city,” said Deputy Chief Chris Davis. “A lot of work is being done with community partners to address the root causes of gun violence and to provide outreach and other services that we know reduce gun crime. “We are grateful for their important work. A large portion of these cases get made when community members step forward and share information they know about who’s committing these violent crimes. We ask that they continue to do so and take a stand against this kind of violence in our neighborhoods.”

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**Cases**

Theft steals thousands of dollars’ worth of wine

Recently, when East Precinct officers arrived on a suspicious occupied vehicle call, they found a man was parked with a stolen van packed with wine and champagne. An investigation revealed that the cases had been stolen in a burglary of a wine distribution business. It took three police cars packed full to transport all the wine back to the precinct. Officers were able to connect with the owner and return the 119 bottles of wine and champagne, valued at approximately $50,000 to $70,000. The suspect was taken into custody on an outstanding warrant. Additional charges were pending.

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