

NEWS RELEASE

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CASE NUMBER: 06-8383, 06-7432,

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: September 26, 2006

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: September 27, 2006

NATURE OF STORY: Water theft investigation leads to drug, burglary arrests

LOCATION: 87850 Cheney Ct, Veneta, OR 97487

INVOLVED:



Carlson, Jeremy Sean dob/122477 Charges: (all new charges; no warrants)
Criminal Mischief I - (3 counts - for 'Intentionally interfering with a public utility' City of Veneta water);

Theft of Services - (3 counts for repeatedly bypassing the City of Veneta water meter to hook up to water services not paid for);

Burglary I - recovered from inside the residence at 87850 Cheney some stolen property from a burglary at 90988 Poodle Creek Rd – occ'd 082506 (LCSO case 06-7432)

Attempted Theft II – this case involved the attempted theft of scrap metal in the Eugene area. (LCSO case 7361)

Possession of Methamphetamine



Williamson-Bumford, Melissa dob/021382
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle-FTA (warrant)
Possession of Stolen Vehicle-FTA (warrant)
Failure to Appear 1 (2 counts-warrant)
Initiating a False Report-FTA (warrant)
False Info to Police-FTA (warrant)
Possession of Methamphetamine (new charge)

Charges:



McCoy, Bradley Leon dob/030381 Charges:
Theft II (warrant)
Possession of Methamphetamine (new charge)
Delivery of Methamphetamine (new charge)



Freeman, Ashley Lynn dob/092384 Charges:
Possession of Controlled Subs II-FTA (warrant)
Possession of Methamphetamine-FTA (warrant)
Possession of Methamphetamine (new charge)
Delivery of Methamphetamine (new charge)

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE OF LANE LEE:

Lee, Lane Wade dob/122786 Charges:
Possession of Methamphetamine (new charge)

DETAILS:

On September 26, 2006 Lane County Sheriff's deputies were investigating the on-going theft of water from the City of Veneta at 87850 Cheney Ct. The residents have not paid the water bill since December of 2005. On July 25, 2006 Veneta Public Works staff turned off the water for non-payment and placed a lock on the line. The resident, Jeremy Carlson, broke the City lock and resumed his use of the City water. On about August 30th Public Works staff discovered that the lock had been broken; on 8/31 PW removed the meter completely, leaving a large gap between the City water delivery line and the house intake. On September 18, 2006 PW staff discovered that the resident had placed PVC pipe between the gap to resume using City Water. PW staff removed that pipe. On September 23 PW staff discovered a garden hose was now delivering city water to the home.

On September 26, 2006 Jeremy Carlson and Melissa Williamson-Bumford were contacted by Sheriff's Deputies at the residence. During a search of the residence stolen property was recovered from at least two separate cases listed above.

While deputies were still at the residence Ashley Freeman, Bradley McCoy, and Lane Lee arrived and were contacted by investigators. Freeman and McCoy both had outstanding warrants for their arrest. Additional investigation led to the new Possession and Delivery of Methamphetamine charges for both.

All of the above listed involved were contacted at the residence at 87850 Cheney. Sheriff's deputies seized approximately ½ ounce of methamphetamine in addition to the listed items of stolen property.

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