

Washington County Elder Safe **(Elder Safe Program is Supported by the Victims of Crime Act)**

Last winter, a person with disabilities who is mostly bedbound and uses an oxygen machine made multiple calls for service to the Beaverton Police Department (BPD). Her caregiver had become addicted to methamphetamine and had grown increasingly erratic and volatile in his behavior, in some cases leaving her to care for herself for days at a time. In early March, she made another call for service as he threw items. He threatened her and broke items in her apartment. As the suspect was taken into custody, the victim noted to police officers that she was having trouble breathing. Upon further examination, her oxygen machine had been unplugged, and several pieces had been disassembled.

Given the severity of the crimes and the victim's vulnerable state, Beaverton Police contacted the Elder Safe Program within the Washington County Sheriff's Office. This program, through the support of federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds, provides crime victim services to older adults countywide, partnering with law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations to ensure that older adults get the additional support needed in the wake of a crime.

Elder Safe staff assisted the victim with completing a petition for a protective order, which included going to her home in coordination with a Beaverton Police officer to obtain her signatures and then filing the petition for the protective order at the courthouse. Due to ongoing Covid safety measures, temporary restraining order hearings are currently held remotely. The victim initially missed the call from the court regarding her petition, thinking that the unknown number was one of the numerous scams plaguing society these days. An Elder Safe staff member followed up with the court that same afternoon regarding the misunderstanding and the court was able to connect with her. Once the petition was granted and sent to the Sheriff's Office Civil Unit for processing, the respondent (suspect) was served the protective order paperwork that same afternoon, given that he was in custody from the incident earlier that same week.

Elder Safe continues to work with BPD's Victim Services Coordinator and the District Attorney's Victim Advocate to ensure that this victim's immediate needs are being met, and that she is informed of her rights as a crime victim as this case proceeds through the justice system.

Washington County Digital Forensics Lab (DFL) **(Equipment and Training Support from State Homeland Security Grant)**

In June of 2018, the WCSO received a victim complaint involving revenge porn posted to a pornography website. The case was assigned to a detective. The initial complaint was from a female adult who found sexually explicit videos of her posted to a well-known website. She reported that she never gave anyone permission to post the videos (which makes it a crime). The suspect was also in the videos, although his face was not visible, and the victim was unsure of the suspect's identity in the videos.

A month or so later the victim started receiving text messages from a male she had briefly known who wanted to reconnect. At this point, he didn't reveal that he was the suspect in the revenge porn case. After they texted back and forth for a period of time, the male inadvertently revealed that he was the

source of the website posting. The victim contacted the detective who took over the conversation with the suspect. The detective acted as the victim with her permission.

In his text messages with the suspect, the detective was able to obtain critical evidence from him regarding the case with this victim. He determined the suspect had sex with the victim when she was incapacitated from drugs and alcohol, to include disclosing a time when he raped and sodomized her and then posted that video to the website. From the evidence, an arrest warrant was obtained for Mr. Serrano and search warrants for the suspect's residence. This eventually led to a search warrant on the suspect's phone.

The suspect's phone was submitted to the DFL for forensic analysis under the authority of the search warrant. A digital investigator at the DFL located evidence, in video and picture form, of the sexual assaults and subsequent posting to the website.

The DFL finds new evidence, additional victims

During the analysis of the suspect's phone, a DFL investigator found evidence of additional sex crimes with victims who had not yet been identified in the investigation. The DFL investigator conveyed that information to the case detective who wrote a second, broader, search warrant for the phone based on the new evidence. After the second search warrant was served and the phone was further analyzed, DFL investigators and the detective identified approximately 15 additional and unknown victims.

In attempting to identify the additional victim, investigators pieced together information in the phone from chats, contacts, and pictures to try and identify the victims. The suspect was blackmailing juveniles for nude pictures and had taken multiple rape videos of different victims. He kept these videos and chats on his phone as trophies of his crimes. Many of the victims had never reported the crimes because of embarrassment, and some still will not come forward even after detectives contacted them and they have acknowledged they were raped.

In all, investigators were able to identify seven victims out of the 15 they observed in the digital evidence. The crimes cover California and several jurisdictions in Oregon. The investigation led to charging the suspect with multiple counts of Rape, Sodomy, producing child pornography, and extortion. He has been convicted in two of the cases and has been sentenced to 50 years in prison. More cases are still pending trial.

Without the work the DFL does every day, these horrendous crimes would almost certainly have continued, and the suspect not stopped and held accountable. Victims who otherwise suffer in silence are helped with counseling, justice and closure.

Washington County Westside Interagency Narcotics Team (WIN) (Interagency Drug Investigating Support from Oregon-Idaho Intensity Drug Trafficking Area)

In October 2020, WIN responded to assist WCSO Patrol on a double overdose in Raleigh Hills. The victims were a 21-year-old male and a 17-year-old female who were found seated on the couch as if they had been watching TV. On the coffee table in front of them was a plate with approximately 40 pills

of Xanax and Oxycodone. The scene indicated they may have both overdosed about the same time, without either of them realizing anything was wrong. Samples of the pills were sent to the Oregon State Police Crime Lab and the results identified the pills as counterfeit Oxycodone. The pills were identified as Fentanyl, pressed to mimic the round, blue Oxycodone M30 pills.

With the assistance of digital forensic analysis, WIN investigators were able to identify the source of the drugs as a male subject in Tigard, suspect #1. WIN wrote and served a search warrant on a residence in Tigard and seized approximately 30 Xanax pills. During the interview, suspect #1 admitted to selling the counterfeit Oxycodone pills to the female victim. Digital evidence confirmed there had been communication between suspect #1 and the female victim.

WIN continued their investigation using additional forensic analysis and social media data. Investigators learned that suspect #1 was getting his drugs from a subject in Cornelius, suspect #2. The investigation led to a traffic stop with suspect #2 inside the vehicle. During that stop, investigators seized two handguns and over 700 counterfeit Oxycodone M30 pills matching the appearance and consistency of the pills located with the overdose victims. Suspect #2 admitted to selling Oxycodone pills to suspect #1 and this was confirmed with messages and social media communication.

Suspect #2 identified his source of drugs as a male subject in Hillsboro, suspect #3. Clackamas County Interagency Task Force (CCITF) conducted a controlled purchase of narcotics from suspect #3 in early 2021, during an unrelated investigation, and they seized approximately 500 counterfeit Oxycodone M30 pills from him. As he was being contacted by law enforcement, suspect #3 smashed his cell phone on the asphalt and the Washington County Digital Forensics Lab was unable to recover any information. WIN continues to investigate this double overdose case with the goal of identifying the drug trafficking organization that was the source of these counterfeit pills containing fentanyl.

Washington County Jail – WorkSystems/Bridges to Change

(Jail Programs for Adults in Custody are Supported Through the Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Grant)

An Adult in Custody completed a resume with the help of the Employment Navigator, through Worksystems, while he was still incarcerated in jail. At that time, pre-release enrollments weren't possible but post-release enrollments had just been authorized late the previous quarter. Upon release, the AIC was homeless and needed all available services. The Employment Navigator referred him to *Bridges to Change* who worked with him to secure clean & sober transitional housing, and helped connect him to other support services for clothing, a bus pass, and job search strategies. These efforts led to his employment as a construction general laborer for \$14.00/hour for 30 hours/week. He is continuing to work with Bridges to Change on treatment and recovery goals and was the recipient of Oregon Health Authority Housing Assistance and continues to look for longer term housing.

The Employment Navigator recently received a call of thanks from the former adult in custody for the housing assistance and all other assistance provided by WorkSystems and Bridges to Change since his release last October. He is still interested in attending PCC or other occupational skills trainings as he tries to position himself for a promising future.