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Amazon Delivery Driver Arrested After Bait Package Activation

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On Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 6:40 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to an alarm activation from a bait package at a residence near Southwest Tualatin Valley Highway and Southwest 170th Avenue in Aloha.

Deputies converged on the area and, within five minutes of being dispatched, used GPS technology to track the stolen package to a black 2015 Nissan Altima in the area.

When questioned, the driver of the vehicle admitted to stealing the bait package from a porch. He disclosed that he delivers for Amazon and had stolen the bait package while he was delivering another shipment to the same address. Deputies located a total of 18 Amazon packages inside the suspect's vehicle that were awaiting delivery.



Perez Johnson, 29 of Portland, was arrested for theft in the second degree and booked at the Washington County Jail. Deputies personally delivered

the remaining packages that had been found inside the suspect's vehicle to their addresses to avoid any delay in receipt.

Detectives from the Property Crimes Unit have deployed numerous bait packages throughout Washington County to deter potential thieves and catch those who steal during the season of giving. This is the program's four year of deployment.

Last season, deputies arrested three individuals during two bait package activations that occurred on <u>December 7</u> and <u>December 18</u>.





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