



# **WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Deputies Arrest Person for Stealing "Bait Package"**

December 22, 2016 - A 17-year-old was arrested today for stealing a Sheriff's Office "bait package". His father was with him at the time but was not arrested.

On Thursday, December 22, 2016, at about 8:41 a.m., a package was stolen from outside a home in the community of Aloha. The package is part of the Sheriff's Office "bait package" program and is equipped with a tracking device that was triggered when the suspect, Alexander Baumgardner, 17, of Hillsboro, grabbed the package.

Sheriff's deputies used tracking equipment to quickly locate the vehicle Alex Baumgardner was traveling in and initiated a traffic stop at SW 165<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW Farmington Road. The driver of the vehicle was Alex's father, Orville Baumgardner, 37, of Hillsboro.

After deputies and detectives interviewed all the occupants of the vehicle (other juveniles were also in the vehicle), they determined that the Baumgardner's were out looking for cans. Alex Baumgardner got out of the vehicle and told his father he was going to look for a lost dog. He ran down the block, grabbed the package, and returned a short time later. He reportedly hid the package in the vehicle and no one else knew it was there.

Alex Baumgardner was arrested for Theft in the Second Degree and referred to the Washington County Juvenile Department. He was later released to the custody of his parents.

The Sheriff's Office bait package program is still in effect with packages placed strategically throughout Washington County.