



CITY OF CORNELIUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Media Release

Deputies Arrest Business Burglars Stealing Generators

May 18, 2018 – After responding to a commercial alarm, deputies arrested two men for attempting to steal over \$10,000 in Honda generators.

On May 18, 2018, at 3:22 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies serving the City of Cornelius responded to a commercial alarm at Coastal Farm & Ranch, located at 3865 Baseline Street in Cornelius.

As they were arriving, deputies spotted a black Dodge Ram pickup occupied by two males leaving the parking lot with no headlights on and boxes visible in the truck bed. Deputies stopped the vehicle and discovered five brand new Honda generators totaling \$6,400 inside.

During a search of the vehicle, deputies located a mask, gloves, and a keychain full of dozens of various car keys. A cell phone app was heard inside the truck monitoring police scanner traffic and the license plates on the vehicle were later learned to be stolen.

Back at the store, deputies discovered a sixth Honda generator worth \$4,000 and a pallet jack in the parking lot. They found an open security fence, broken lock, and bolt cutters nearby.

Deputies arrested the suspects, 38-year-old Kenny Ross of Cornelius and 54-year-old Curtis Vanzee of Portland, for aggravated theft, burglary in the second degree, possession of burglary tools, and criminal mischief in the second degree. Additionally, Mr. Vanzee was charged with a probation violation.

When they later observed security video with an employee, deputies learned a third male was involved in loading the stolen generators into the vehicle. It is unknown how he fled the scene.

Deputies believe these suspects are likely involved in similar crimes around the metro area. Anyone with information is asked to call Washington County non-emergency dispatch at (503) 629-0111.



Kenny Ross



Curtis Vanzee