

# MEDIA RELEASE

## **Man Arrested For Assaulting Woman, Setting Her Apartment on Fire**

November 19, 2018

On November 14, 2018, at 5:23 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) responded to a fire at an apartment at the Westridge Meadows apartments at 18476 NW Chemeketa Lane in Bethany.

The first deputies on scene found a woman and her mother outside their apartment and both of them were taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation. During the fire, the woman's dog was able to escape but her pet parrot was killed.

The fire heavily damaged their apartment and two other units had water damage, but everyone else in the building was able to escape without injury. Detectives determined the fire was set intentionally and the suspect, 29-year-old Richard Parrish of Vancouver, Washington, was seen fleeing the scene right after the fire. Deputies also learned Mr. Parrish had assaulted the tenant two days earlier.

A warrant was issued for Mr. Parrish's arrest and on November 19, 2018, he was taken into custody and lodged into jail for Arson I and Assault IV. His bail was set at \$250,000 and additional charges are likely as the investigation continues.



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