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PRESS RELEASE

Man Arrested after Terrorizing Bus Passengers

December 28, 2013--An intoxicated man was riding on a public transportation bus when he began threatening passengers and the driver. He was arrested and is facing multiple charges.

On December 28, 2013, at 4:39 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to a reported intoxicated man on a Tillamook County public transportation bus. The bus driver parked at the Banks Fire Department parking lot as the transportation dispatcher called the Sheriff's Office for help. It was reported the man was threatening passengers with a firearm.

Multiple Sheriff's Deputies responded to the fire department. Deputies quickly detained Oliver Powell, 30, from Portland, after he urinated on the sidewalk, without further incident. The investigation led deputies to believe that Mr. Powell did not have a handgun as he purported on the bus. Deputies were told Mr. Powell threatened to shoot to at least two passengers and stab another as the bus was traveling from Portland to Tillamook. Passengers said Mr. Powell would place his hand in his pocket as if holding a handgun as he made the threats.

The bus driver said Mr. Powell chased a passenger to the front of the bus continuing the threats. The bus driver told his dispatcher to call 911 after he learned of the threats and saw Mr. Powell's behavior. The bus has a regular stop close to the Banks Fire station so that was a known location for the bus driver to go.

No firearm was found. It did appear Mr. Powell had consumed a large amount of alcohol prior to boarding the bus in Portland. The bus was delayed about one hour for deputies to interview the passengers and complete the investigation.

Oliver Powell was arrested and lodged in the Washington County Jail. He is charged with Supplying Contraband into a Correctional Facility (marijuana), Interfering with Public Transportation, two counts of Disorderly Conduct, two counts of Menacing, and Harassment. He is held on \$20,000 bail.