



CITY OF CORNELIUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Case#57-152700508

UPDATE: Search Continues for Missing Cornelius Man



October 7, 2015—Sheriff's Detectives continue search for Matthew Pugh.

On October 4, 2015, Washington County Search and Rescue assisted detectives conduct an extensive search around the vicinity where Matthew Pugh's Taurus was found abandoned. They were searching for any evidence or information that will help them locate Mr. Pugh. There were no items of significance located.

Sheriff's Detectives are continuing to reach out to the public for any information there may be to assist them with this case.

Original Release Below:

Sheriff's Detectives Search for Missing Cornelius Man

September 29, 2015-Detectives are searching for a missing man whose vehicle was located abandoned with the engine running. This case is being treated as suspicious due to several circumstances.

On September 27, 2015, a concerned family member contacted a Sheriff's Deputy, serving the City of Cornelius, to report Matthew Pugh, 25, from Cornelius had been missing since the day before.

On September 26, 2015, at about 3:00 p.m., a Sheriff's Deputy was called to the 32900 block of SW Plum Tree Court south of Hillsboro concerning a 1994 Ford Taurus that was left running, unoccupied and blocking a driveway with no one around. The Taurus was registered to Mr. Pugh. The Taurus ignition was "punched" requiring a screwdriver to start and stop the engine. There were personal items in the vehicle belonging to Mr. Pugh and another person.

The deputy contacted people that live with Mr. Pugh to gather any possible information concerning his whereabouts. It was learned that Mr. Pugh had previously damaged the ignition on his Taurus. The deputy was told that no one had seen or heard from Mr. Pugh since very early on September 26. Matthew Pugh has not shown up for work and has not

contacted anyone close to him. It is very unusual for him to be out of contact with his family and friends for this extended period of time.

Washington County Violent Crimes Detectives began assisting with the case. They are conducting extensive interviews to gather information that will assist in locating Mr. Pugh.

Matthew Pugh is 5'8" tall, 180 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. The clothing that he was wearing when he went missing is unknown. A photo of Mr. Pugh is attached.

Sheriff's Detectives are asking if anyone has information regarding the whereabouts of Matthew Pugh to please call 503-846-2700.