



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Deputies Recover Stolen Bicycle Thanks to Alert Citizen

December 12, 2016 – On December 8, 2016, Washington County deputies received an anonymous call regarding a stolen bicycle (see original release). The alert citizen reported that they had seen the story on KGW news and recognized both the suspect and the bicycle. Deputies responded to the area and recovered the stolen bicycle for processing. It was confirmed by serial number to be the bicycle stolen from Jason Eland.

Deputies searched the area and were unable to locate the suspect after he fled on foot and jumped a concrete wall. Sheriff's deputies are looking for Kurt Justus (see recent booking photo (inset)) as they believe he is the person pictured in the surveillance footage responsible for the theft of the bicycle in this case.

The Bike Gallery in Beaverton, where the bicycle was originally purchased, has offered to service the bicycle to make sure it is in good working order. Trek bicycles had also contacted the Sheriff's Office to generously donate a new bicycle to Jason. The Bike Gallery in Beaverton will reunite Jason with his bicycle once it has been serviced.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the community, The Bike Gallery, Trek Bicycles and the media for their generosity in offering a replacement bicycle for Jason as well as spreading the word about this case.



If you have any information on the whereabouts of Kurt Justus, do not approach him and call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 629-0111.

\*\*\*Original Release\*\*\*

### Deputies Search for Stolen Bicycle

December 4, 2016—Washington County Sheriff's Deputies are searching for a person that stole a bicycle from a special needs man.

On December 2, 2016, Sheriff's Deputies were called to a residence in the community of Raleigh Hills, concerning a reported stolen bicycle. Sheriff's Deputies learned Jason Eland's bicycle was stolen from the Raleigh Hills Fred Meyer store at about 1:20 p.m. on Friday December 2, 2016.

Jason lives with his sister as he is unable to live by himself. Jason's main daily activities consist of him riding his bicycle to Fred Meyer then Washington Square. Jason is pictured with his red Trek bicycle (inset photo right). Family reports that Jason's bicycle is "his whole life."

Video evidence shows a man watching the bicycle, and then he got on it and rode off into an unknown direction. Sheriff's Deputies searched the area with no success. Sheriff's Deputies are inspecting surveillance video and other evidence.



There is a still photo of the suspect from the surveillance footage at Fred Meyer (inset photo left). The suspect was described as a white male with short hair. He was wearing a dark coat and a blue backpack.

Deputies are seeking the public's help regarding this case. If you have any information, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 629-0111.