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Deputies Recover Stolen Scooter, Victim Buys 13-Year-Old a New Bicycle

October 6, 2016 – Washington County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lara Kent and Jack Harman Jr. after recovering a stolen scooter and over 70 other stolen items. The scooter owner later bought Ms. Kent's 13-year-old daughter a new bicycle.

On October 1, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's deputies were called to a residence in the community of Cedar Hills concerning a suspicious bicycle.

Deputies interviewed a 13-year-old girl, who disclosed her mother, Lara Kent, 33, of Beaverton, had been stealing property around the metro area with the help of Jack Harman Jr., 37, of Portland. The girl disclosed Ms. Kent had directed her to help them steal from numerous apartment complexes and donation drop-off locations.

Deputies were able to determine the suspicious bicycle, which Ms. Kent had given to the girl, had been stolen from an apartment complex in Aloha.



Deputies learned Ms. Kent and Mr. Harman had been storing the stolen property in a U-Haul van in Tualatin and a storage unit in Aloha.

On October 2, 2016, Washington County deputies, with the help of detectives, searched the U-Haul van in Tualatin. Inside, deputies located a stolen electric scooter belonging to Cheryl Evans, 37, of Portland. Deputies also seized 10 bicycles and other stolen property. The following day, deputies recovered additional stolen property from the storage unit in Aloha.

On October 3, 2016, deputies located Ms. Kent and Mr. Harman. Inside their vehicle, deputies seized over 70 items, including jewelry, checks, mail, license plates, and retail clothing. All items are believed to be stolen property.

Ms. Kent was arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, three counts of Theft in the Second Degree, and two counts of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree. Mr. Harman was arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and three counts of Theft in the Second Degree. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are likely.



After hearing of the circumstances, Ms. Evans told deputies she wanted to purchase the girl a bicycle since she no longer had one. Ms. Evans cited she came from a difficult childhood and understands doing the right thing can sometimes be difficult, especially when family is involved.

On October 6, 2016, deputies joined Ms. Evans in taking the girl to the store to pick out a new bicycle. Using her own money and donations from her friends, Ms. Evans covered the cost of a bicycle and lock, both for the girl and her younger brother.

We would like to thank Ms. Evans and the 13-year-old girl for demonstrating the Washington County Sheriff's Office core values: do your best, do the right thing, and treat others the way you want to be treated.

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