



CITY OF CORNELIUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Case# 170191019

Deputies Capture Jewelry Thief

March 4, 2017—Sheriff's Deputies arrested a local man that stole jewelry from a local store. Sheriff's Deputies have been working on this case for over a month.

On January 19, 2017 at 4:43 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies serving the City of Cornelius, were called to the Cornelius Fred Meyer store. A man came into the jewelry section, smashed a display case, grabbed gold necklaces and ran out of the store. Sheriff's Deputies searched the area but did not locate the thief. The gold necklaces were valued at \$15,666.

Sheriff's Deputies began working leads in the case including video surveillance footage. Sheriff's Deputies saw a booking photo of Marshall Litten, 25, (photo inset) following an arrest made by the Beaverton Police Department for robbery. Sheriff's Deputies believed Mr. Litten was the suspect in the theft. The Sheriff's Office Forensics Science Unit processed physical evidence located at the store and confirmed Mr. Litten was the man responsible for the theft.

On February 2, 2017, Marshall Litten was lodged in the Washington County Jail on the Beaverton Police robbery case. On March 3, 2017, Sheriff's Deputies contacted Mr. Litten in the jail and charged him with First Degree Theft and Criminal Mischief charges pertaining to the theft at Fred Meyer. He is being held on \$280,000 total bail.



Sheriff's Deputies have recovered some of the jewelry and continue to search for the rest. Anyone with information concerning this case is asked to call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 503-629-0111.