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Deputies Track Down Burglar After Couple Awakes to Find Stranger in Their Bedroom

November 29, 2017 – A couple awoke to find a stranger asleep on their bedroom floor. He was later located by deputies who were tracking his location on the couple's cell phones he had stolen.

On Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at 4:40 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a residential burglary in the 100 block of Northwest 107th Avenue in Portland. A woman reported that her husband and she had awoken to find a male asleep on the floor of their bedroom.

As the couple was escorting the man out of the residence and calling 9-1-1, they realized that items were missing from their home, including their cell phones, tablet computer, and wallets.

Deputies, assisted by Beaverton Police officers and a K-9 team, began searching the area for the suspect. Meanwhile, deputies interviewing the victims learned that the GPS tracking app "Find My iPhone" was enabled on their stolen phones and began tracking their location.

Responders coordinated closely, and when deputies were in position near where the GPS showed the phones were, set off an audible tone on the stolen phones. A deputy heard the tone sounding from outside a nearby residence on Southwest Celeste Lane and located the suspect hiding under the porch. At 5:20 a.m., he was taken into custody with assistance from the Beaverton Police K-9 team.

Ervin Solomon, 64-years-old of Portland, was arrested for burglary in the first degree, theft in the first degree, felon in possession of restricted weapon, and a probation violation. He is being held at the Washington County Jail on \$50,000 bail.

In addition to the couple's recovered property, Mr. Solomon was found in possession of jewelry and other items believed to be stolen. Deputies will be working to identify the owners of that property and returning it to victims in the coming days.

The Sheriff's Office wishes to thank the Beaverton Police Department for their assistance on this search.



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