



PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff's Deputies Assist Cornelius Search for Armed Burglar

September 27, 2013—Washington County Sheriff's Deputies and Forest Grove Police Officers assisted the Cornelius Police Department search for a burglar that threatened a homeowner with a gun.

Today at 12:05 p.m., the Cornelius Police Department received a call from a homeowner in the 500 block of South Jasper Circle. The homeowner told police that he had just returned home to find a strange man in his house. He said the man was carrying away a rifle stolen out of the house. He told police that the thief pointed a handgun at him before fleeing through the back door and over a fence. It was reported that the thief then ran into the back door of another house located behind the victim's house on South Ivy Court.

Multiple units from Forest Grove Police Department and Sheriff's Deputies converged to the area to assist the Cornelius Police Department. It was unknown what the relationship was with the thief and the house he ran into. It was not known if the thief was still inside of the house. It was believed the suspect was still armed.

Two nearby schools, Echo Shaw Elementary and Emmaus Christian were put into Lockout during the incident for the safety of the children and staff. Deputies contacted a female at the Ivy Court house who allowed them to search for the suspect. A search team, assisted by a Sheriff's K9 and a Sheriff's Office remotely operated robot with mounted cameras, searched the house but did not locate the suspect.

It is believed the suspect is known to the female. There was evidence located to link the suspect in the burglary to the Ivy Court house. The Washington County Forensic Science Unit responded to gather additional evidence and process the scene.

The suspect was described as a white male in his 30's, scruffy beard, of average height with unknown clothing.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Cornelius Police Department at 503-359-1881 or non-emergency dispatch at 503-629-0111.