



# Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365

## NPD MEDIA RELEASE

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**Incident:** Criminal Trespass, Beach Rescue **Case#: 12N-01892**

**Location:** Shilo Inn, 536 SW Elizabeth St.

**Date/Time:** 10/10/2012 at 8:32 a.m.

**Suspect:** Robert Lee Bauman, age 24 of Newport

**Details:** On 10/10/2012, at about 8:32 a.m., Newport Police Officers were dispatched to the Shilo Inn on a report of a male subject discovered trespassing on the property. Information indicated that a maintenance supervisor had discovered a male subject inside a locked storage closet. The male subject had fled and jumped over the fence towards the ocean; he was on a cliff near the Shilo Inn parking structure. Arriving officers soon discovered Robert Lee Bauman, age 24 of Newport, hiding in the brush on the west side of the building, near the cliff's edge. Officers called out to Bauman to stay where he was, as he was dangerously close to falling off the cliff, but he refused. A Newport Police Officer threw Bauman a rescue rope in an attempt to help him while Newport Fire Department personnel responded to the scene. Bauman refused to take hold of the rope, and fell off the cliff. The fall was witnessed by a Newport Police Sergeant who had taken position on the beach below the motel. The Sergeant on the beach was able to access Bauman before the NFD arrived. He quickly determined that Bauman did not appear seriously injured, as he had fallen into heavy brush at the base of the cliff that appeared to have broken his fall. However, he was trapped in the blackberry bushes and other undergrowth. An Oregon State Police Sergeant arrived on the beach and assisted in removing Bauman from the brush and stabilizing him until Newport Fire Department personnel arrived on scene. Fire and Police Department personnel placed Bauman in a rescue litter to remove him from the cliff.

Bauman was transported by Pacific West Ambulance to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital for treatment, not only for injuries suffered in the fall, but for severe methamphetamine intoxication.

Bauman faces charges of Parole Violation and Criminal Trespass once he is released from the hospital.

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