



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

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08/25/2012 5:00 p.m.

Incident: Identity Theft/Forgery **Case #: Numerous**

Location: Newport, Oregon

Date/Time: 08/24/2012 at 10:37 p.m.

Arrestee: Brian L. Page, age 47 of Newport

Details: On 08/24/2012, Brian L. Page, age 47 of Newport, was taken into custody by Newport Police Officers on multiple counts of Forgery, Possession of a Forged Instrument, Initiating a False Report, and Theft. Newport Police Officers were investigating a number of bad check cases involving several different businesses and individuals in the Newport and Otter Rock area that began on 08/18/2012. The investigation revealed that Page would carefully choose persons to cash checks for him that were forged. Those persons included some who were mentally handicapped or financially distressed, whom he had met via the internet. In return for cashing forged checks at local business, Page would promise these persons partial or full payment of their outstanding bills.

Page was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail; his bail was set at \$372,500.

It is expected that there are more victims of these crimes by Page. The investigation may continue for several weeks as local banks and businesses locate and report more forged checks. Anyone with additional information regarding Page or similar activity is asked to contact Officer Brad Purdom of the Newport Police Department at (541) 265-4849.

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