



Newport Police Department  
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Newport, Oregon 97365

**NPD MEDIA RELEASE**

05/13/2012 12:50 p.m.

**Incident:** Reckless Endangering **Case #: 12N-00795**

**Location:** 1000 SE Bay Blvd. #C312, Embarcadero Resort

**Date/Time:** 05/12/2012 at 7:55 p.m.

**Victim:** Margaret L. Beckwith, age 80 of Portland, Oregon

**Arrested:** Sean Michael Palmer, age 21 of Troutdale, Oregon

**Details:** On May 12, 2012 at about 7:55 p.m., Newport Police Officers were dispatched to the Embarcadero Resort on a report of an accidental discharge of a firearm. Once on scene officers were directed to room C312 where they contacted Sean Palmer, age 21 of Troutdale, and a friend. Officers learned that Palmer was attempting to holster his loaded Smith & Wesson .357 caliber revolver. While doing so his gun discharged, firing one round through a shared wall with room C212. The round traveled through the bedroom of unit C212, narrowly missing the head of Margaret Beckwith, age 80 of Portland, as she was walking up the stairs into the bedroom. The bullet then exited the room through an exterior wall. There were no injuries in this incident. Palmer holds a valid concealed handgun license. He was taken into custody; at the Lincoln County Jail he was issued a citation for Recklessly Endangering another person. As required by law, Palmer's concealed handgun license was seized.

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