



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

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06/03/2012 11:00 a.m.

Incident: Sex Abuse III / Harassment **Case #: 12N-00917**

Location: Oregon Coast Aquarium

Date/Time: 06/02/2012 at 4:23 p.m.

Suspect: Benjamin Leonard Dean, age 24 of Albany, Oregon

Details: On 06/02/2012, Newport Police Officers responded to the Oregon Coast Aquarium on a report of a harassment incident. The suspect, Benjamin Dean, age 24 of Albany, was identified as the suspect. Two female victims, aged 11 and 12, reported that Dean had touched them inappropriately while they participated in science projects at the facility. There were no physical injuries to the girls. The incident was witnessed by at least two others who were interviewed by the officers.

Dean is employed by an outside organization, not the Oregon Coast Aquarium. He was at the facility to monitor students participating in the event.

Dean was taken into custody on two counts of Sex Abuse III, and two counts of Harassment. He was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail with bail set at \$60,000.

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