



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

NPD MEDIA RELEASE

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Incident: First Degree Theft; **Case #: 11N-01328, 1329**
Carrying a Concealed Weapon

Location: 150 NE 20th St., Newport, Oregon

Date/Time: August 2, 2011 at 2:25 p.m.

Arrested: James M. Morris, age 55 of Newport
Jarad M. Stice, age 20 of Newport

Details: Newport Police Officers responded to the Safeway parking lot on a complaint that four subjects were causing a disturbance. Officers spoke with the subjects, who stated that they were just speaking loudly, and were not arguing. A pat-down for weapons revealed a bent metal strap taped with padding (also known as "brass knuckles") in Mr. Stice's pocket, which is illegal to carry concealed. When questioned, Mr. Stice said that he uses the metal strap to crack nuts.

Mr. Morris was riding an electric shopping cart that was clearly marked with the number 6 and a placard stating it was the property of the Fred Meyer grocery store, and was not to be removed from Fred Meyer's property. When questioned, Mr. Morris said he had permission from Fred Meyer to use the electric shopping cart to go to the Sizzler Steak House for dinner. It was revealed that Fred Meyer had not given Mr. Morris permission to use the cart. Mr. Morris was charged with Theft I, and taken into custody at the Lincoln County Jail. Bail was set at \$50,000.00. Mr. Stice was cited and released for Carrying a Concealed weapon, with bail set at \$7,500.00.

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