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Search Reveals Explosive Device and Connection to Stolen Copper Wire

Hermiston, Ore. – At about 9:41am on Saturday, January 20, 2007, Umatilla County Sheriffs Office, assisted by Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police, served a warrant at 76897 Homestead Road, Hermiston, OR. The residence is the home of Clyde Leon Reed Jr., 40, and Ashley Dawn Armstrong-Reed, 23.

The purpose of the warrant was to search for evidence related to Burglary, Theft and Controlled Substance offenses. The Theft offenses relate to recent reports of the theft of span cable stolen from irrigation pivots.

“The subject(s) cut the span cable from the irrigation pivots then burn off the outer insulation. The remaining copper wire is taken to recycle companies and sold for cash.” - Undersheriff Terry Rowan

“In many of these incidents, officers find a nexus between the copper thefts and controlled substance use.” - Undersheriff Terry Rowan

As a result of the warrant, evidence of the burned span cable was discovered. A suspicious device was also found. Members from the Oregon State Police Bomb Unit were dispatched to the scene.

Once the suspicious device was found all persons, along with officers and police units, were evacuated to a safe location while waiting for the Bomb Unit to arrive. Oregon State Police found that the suspicious device was a stick of dynamite with a blasting cap.

Controlled substances and drug paraphernalia were discovered during the search warrant.

Renee Sumey, 34, of Hermiston was arrested on an unrelated arrest warrant for Failure To Appear on Theft, Unlawful Manufacturing and Possession of Controlled Substance.

Matthew Henry Bousquet, 38, was arrested on charges of Unlawful Possession of a Destructive Device.

“The explosive device was in a manner in which there was a high potential for explosion. A device like this can go off with just static electricity.”

- Undersheriff Terry Rowan

“I would like to thank Morrow County Undersheriff Myren, Deputies of the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office, and the Oregon State Police for their assistance with this case.” - Undersheriff Terry Rowan

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