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### **Couple Arrested for Burglary – Help Needed to Return Jewelry to Rightful Owners**

February 14, 2017 - Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies recently arrested a couple for forcing entry and burglarizing an occupied home. Now, detectives need the public's help to identify seized jewelry in order to return it to its rightful owners.

On February 10, 2017, just after 1pm, a female homeowner in the 7100 block of SW 209<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Aloha called 911 after a man forced open the front door to her home and stole some valuables. Deputies were on scene within three minutes and stopped a vehicle leaving the woman's driveway.

Their investigation revealed that a woman inside the vehicle approached the house and knocked on the door. When the homeowner didn't answer the door, the male exited the vehicle and forced open the home's front door. The male entered the home and stole valuables.

Deputies arrested Nelson W. Pettis, Jr. and Katherine L. Hauser. Mr. Pettis, 41, of Vancouver, Washington, was charged with Burglary I and Theft III. Ms. Hauser, 35, of Newberg, was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Burglary I and Theft I by Receiving. Both remain lodged in the Washington County Jail.

Deputies searched the car used by Mr. Pettis and Ms. Hauser and found over 100 items of jewelry they believe might have been stolen during other burglaries. Detectives would like to return the jewelry to its rightful owner(s) and need the public's help.

If you recognize any of this jewelry or have other information about this investigation, please contact Detective Tony Bass at 503-846-6093.