

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Detectives Catch Suspect Stealing Package From Neighbor

February 6, 2019

On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies serving the community of Aloha arrested a man for stealing a package from a neighbor living in the same apartment complex.

This case started on New Year's Eve 2018 when a woman living at the Tapiola Manor Apartments, located at 5500 Southwest 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue contacted the Sheriff's Office after several packages were stolen from her front porch, often times shortly after being delivered.

Working closely with the United States Postal Inspection Service, detectives with the Property Crimes Unit set up a bait package mission in hopes of catching the package thief in the act. On the afternoon of February 5, 2019, investigators had a package delivered to the victim's front door containing an electronic tracking device inside. Within minutes, a man picked up the package and took it inside a nearby apartment unit.



Deputies quickly responded to the unit and located the bait package. The box had been opened and its contents emptied. Deputies arrested Terral Michael Taylor, 39, of Aloha, on charges of mail theft and second-degree theft.

Detectives from the Property Crimes Unit work proactively throughout the year to combat the problem of package thefts in our community. For the last four years, detectives have placed numerous bait packages throughout Washington County to deter potential thieves and catch those who steal during the holiday season. Most recently, deputies [arrested an Amazon Flex delivery driver](#) after he stole a holiday bait package.



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