MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATE: Police Arrest "Masked Pirate" Burglary Suspect

On April 10, 2019, Washington County Sheriff's Deputies serving the City of Cornelius arrested Sean Robert Tait in connection with a burglary that happened in July of 2018 at the Last Lap, at 1515 North Adair Street in Cornelius.

During the burglary, a safe was stolen with more than $4,000 cash inside.

Mr. Tate was lodged in the Washington County Jail on charges of burglary in the second degree, theft in the first degree, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Downloadable File: Video

(Original Media Release Below)

Cornelius Deputies Asking for Help Identifying Masked Pirate Burglar

August 2, 2018 – Deputies serving the City of Cornelius are asking for the public's assistance identifying the "Masked Pirate", the suspect in a business burglary that occurred in late July.

On July 23, 2018, at 10:05 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies serving the City of Cornelius responded to a burglary that had occurred overnight at the Last Lap, located at 1515 North Adair Street in Cornelius. Employees arrived to find a safe stolen from the location, with over $4,000 in cash believed to have been inside.

Upon review of surveillance video, deputies observed a suspect enter through a side door after business hours. The suspect was disguised in a pirate mask that included a fake eye patch, parrot, and beard. He entered the store partially dressed with a t-shirt worn only across his shoulders while holding a fire extinguisher. After examining a safe on the floor, the Masked Pirate disabled the inside surveillance camera.

Deputies believe the suspect removed the safe using a hand truck and fled in a stolen white pickup, which was later found abandoned with its license plates stripped in western Washington County.

POLICE
CITY OF CORNELIUS

MEDIA CONTACT: 503-209-5613
"CONSERVING THE PEACE THROUGH VALUES DRIVEN SERVICE"