

MEDIA RELEASE

Two Men Arrested During Fire Evacuation Zone Extra Patrols

September 11, 2020

During the past week, deputies have been providing around-the-clock extra patrols in the areas affected by both fires in Washington County: the Powerline Fire and the Chehalem Mountain-Bald Peak Fire. Even as some evacuation levels are being lowered, deputies will continue to patrol those areas to help ensure community safety and to make sure emergency crews can reach the fire zones. All of Henry Hagg Lake and its recreation areas remain closed since the lake is being used as an aerial water source for the Chehalem Mountain-Bald Peak Fire.

On September 10, 2020, deputies arrested two people who illegally entered the closed area around Henry Hagg Lake. Just before 7 p.m., a patrol sergeant found a suspicious vehicle near the Twin Oaks turn-out. The driver, 59-year-old Clyde Willcutt of Portland, admitted to driving around the road closure barriers. Mr. Willcutt's license was suspended at the felony level, and he was arrested for driving on a criminally suspended license.

Around 10 p.m., deputies patrolling the roads around the lake found a suspicious vehicle near Sain Creek. 27-year-old Alejandro Galvan Acosta, of Portland, was found inside a truck with an underage girl. Mr. Galvan Acosta was arrested for sexual abuse in the second degree and unlawful delivery of marijuana to a minor.

Deputies appreciate the cooperation of the vast majority of the public in following closure orders so we can continue to focus on life safety, securing evacuated areas, and supporting fire crews.



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