

## **Lake Oswego Police Apprehend Burglary Suspect**

LAKE OSWEGO – On Tuesday June 11, 2013, at about 3:30 pm, Stephan Smith, born 09/05/1963, was taken into custody after burglarizing the garage for 3124 Lakeview Blvd.

Lake Oswego Police Officers responded to Lakeview Blvd. for the report of a burglary that had just occurred. Apparently, the homeowner's teen-aged son saw the suspect enter their garage and called his mother, who was nearby. When the mother arrived back at the house, she also saw Mr. Smith inside their garage. Mr. Smith fled from the garage to the back of the residence where he scaled a fence and entered another neighbor's yard.

The residents were able to provide police with an accurate description of Mr. Smith, who attempted to disguise himself by removing his shirt as he made his way back to his vehicle, a purple Toyota pick-up truck parked nearby. Officers quickly arrived in the area and were able to locate Mr. Smith as he was getting into his vehicle. He was taken into custody without incident and was lodged at the Clackamas County Jail for Burglary 2. Mr. Smith did not have any items on his person at the time of his arrest, and the investigation is continuing.

According to neighbors in the area, Mr. Smith had been seen walking along Lakeview Blvd. for approximately an hour before he was discovered by the victims in this case. His physical appearance and vehicle suggested he was a contractor working in the area.

Police believe Mr. Smith might have been attempting to enter unlocked residences and garages in the area. In this case, the home was occupied by a teenage male and yet that did not deter Mr. Smith from entering the property.

The Lake Oswego Police Department encourages citizens to report suspicious persons in their neighborhood to police right away, and to secure their residences, out-buildings and vehicles to reduce their chances of being a victim of a crime.

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