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Second arrest in mail theft investigation

Salem, Ore. — Salem Police Felony Crimes Unit detectives have arrested a second suspect in the <u>ongoing investigation of mail theft</u> occurring in Salem.

Brett Todd Regimbal, age 49, of Salem was arrested yesterday as a part of a search warrant served at his residence in the 1200 block of 14th AV NW. Due to firearms concerns in multiple investigations involving Regimbal, the Salem Police SWAT team assisted with the service of the warrant.

Regimbal did not immediately exit the residence. After nearly seven hours and all attempts by the Crisis Negotiations Team to communicate with him were exhausted, the house was cleared with a police canine resulting in the location and subsequent apprehension of the suspect.

Detectives, with the assistance of the <u>United States Postal Inspection Service</u>, located further evidence of mail theft, including counterfeit mail keys, as well as evidence of identity theft and fraud, and small quantities of methamphetamine and a substance suspected to be fentanyl.

After receiving medical clearance for his bite from the police canine, Regimbal was lodged at the Polk County Jail on the following charges connected to the mail theft investigation, as well as charges from a concurrent domestic violence investigation:

- Strangulation
- Possession of a burglary tool or device
- Identity theft
- Criminal possession of a forged instrument, first-degree
- Interfering with a peace officer

Regimbal also had two outstanding warrants out of Marion and Yamhill counties.

The investigation remains active; however, with Regimbal's arrest, all further inquiries into this case should be directed to the Polk County District Attorney's Office.

As reminder, residents who are victims of mail theft are urged to immediately file reports with the <u>Salem Police Department</u> and the <u>United States Postal Inspection Service</u>. Proactive measures to prevent mail theft are also encouraged through the use of notifications for <u>standard mail</u> and package delivery services.

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