



West Linn Police Department

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Portland teen arrested at Minor in Possession (MIP) Party in West Linn for Distribution of Cocaine and Felon in Possession of a Firearm

Date & Time: January 20, 2009

Incident:

WEST LINN – On January 19, 2009 at 12:16 A.M. Officers Tony Poitras and Brad Moyle were dispatched to a residence in the 6800 block of Marquette Dr. in West Linn's Bolton Neighborhood regarding a loud party complaint.

The arriving officers contacted several juveniles as they left the residence in question and determined that they were under age, and had been drinking alcohol. Several also admitted to smoking marijuana. During their investigation, they requested the assistance of Ofc. Patrick McConnell.

The investigation led them into the home, where about a dozen juveniles and minors were present. Some, not all had been drinking alcohol; they were detained, cited and released to their parents. **During the investigation, a backpack was located that had 11 grams of cocaine in it that was packaged for sale; brass knuckles were also found in the backpack. Next to the backpack officers found a loaded and holstered 9mm pistol, nearby that they found a stiletto switchblade knife,. These items were determined to belong to Rhys W. SHORT, 18 of 8066 SE 7th Ave. Portland.** He was taken into custody without incident and lodged at the Clackamas County Jail, (mug shot attached). At the time of his arrest, Mr. Short was on Felony Probation from Multnomah County Juvenile Department. Another person at the party was a registered sex offender.

The person who provided the residence for the party was not contacted at the scene, but was contacted that evening and cited into Juvenile Court for providing premises for the consumption of alcohol by minors.

The West Linn Police caution parents to know what their teens are doing, and to know who they are hanging around with. It is illegal for a person under 21 years of age to possess any amount of alcohol, unless they are at their home and under DIRECT parental supervision.

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About the City of West Linn:

The City of West Linn is a community where citizens, civic organizations, businesses and city government work together to ensure that the community retains its hometown identity, quality of life, and natural beauty. The estimated population is 24,180. The City Council consists of the Mayor and four Councilors who act as the board of directors of the City of West Linn municipal corporation. The Council sets policies for the city government, enacts ordinances and hires, directs, and evaluates the city manager. Municipal services are provided by City employees and headed by the City Manager. The city operates its own police department, a municipal court, water, wastewater and storm water utilities, street operations, planning, building inspection, engineering, fleet management, library, and parks and recreation.



Rhys W. SHORT , 18