



West Linn Police Department

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Pair arrested for distribution of marijuana in West Linn

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WEST LINN - On Sunday February 15, 2009 WLPD Officers arrested Melissa Marie HEDGES 25 of Estacada, OR, and Kevin Neal STRAMPHER Jr. 25 of SE Portland for possession and distribution of a controlled substance (marijuana) after nearly 6 ounces of the drug was found in their car. Mr. STRAMPHER was lodged on an additional charge of Parole Violation; he is on Parole for Distribution of Marijuana.

On Sunday February 15, 2009 at about 10:15 P.M. WLPD Ofc. Patrick McConnell saw a vehicle with a defective light; make an illegal turn in the Willamette Neighborhood. The vehicle then lost the officer. The vehicle is a red Pontiac Grand Am sedan.

Ofc. Tony Poitras responded to the area to locate the vehicle and found it unoccupied on 9th St. near Volpp St. He got out to check the parked car, when 2 persons approached him. They were later identified as Melissa Marie HEDGES 25 of Estacada, OR the driver, and Kevin Neal STRAMPHER Jr. 25 of SE Portland. While Ofc. McConnell was on his way to the stop location he was flagged down by several people asking if he was looking for a red car, and that it had been driving in a suspicious manner in the neighborhood.

Neither occupant of the vehicle had a valid driver's license and the car was impounded, and approximately 5.7 ounces of marijuana was located in the trunk of the vehicle. Both subjects were taken into custody for delivery and possession of a controlled substance and transported to the Clackamas County Jail.

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HEDGEES, MELISSA MARIE 25
Estacada, OR

STRAMPHER, KEVIN NEAL JR. 25
SE Portland

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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.