

## WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NFWS RFIFASF

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## Sheriff's Deputies and Hillsboro Detectives investigate Package Thefts

On December 14, 2011, Sheriff's deputies were called to the area of SW Thompson Road and SW Saltzman Road on a report of a suspicious vehicle. The male and female occupants of the vehicle were taking packages that had been delivered by UPS and FedEx.

Deputies located a silver Jeep Liberty that matched the vehicle description given by the witness. They contacted two people, 25-year-old Bell Anderson of Hillsboro and 26-year-old Aaron Sandeen of Aloha. They also saw several packages in the back of the jeep that were similar to the ones taken from the houses.

During the investigation, deputies were notified that Hillsboro Police detectives were also investigating Mr. Sandeen and Ms. Anderson for stealing packages in the City of Hillsboro. The detectives were already set to serve a search warrant on Ms. Anderson's residence. They added the Jeep to the search warrant and served the warrants late last night. Results of the searches are not available at this time.

Both suspects were eventually arrested by deputies. Mr. Sandeen was transported to the Washington County Jail and Ms. Anderson was taken to the hospital with a medical problem unrelated to the arrest. Sandeen was charged with theft.

The problem of package theft is a year-round problem, however during the holidays this crime increases dramatically. Deputies want to remind people not to have packages left on their front porch. Make sure someone signs for the package or pick it up from the delivering companies distribution center.

