



## Joint Media Release

**Date:** November 30, 2022

**Re:** Robberies



On November 29, 2022, detectives from the Klamath Falls Police Department (KFPD), with the assistance from the Klamath County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), identified and arrested two people in connection to several robberies that occurred in Klamath Falls. Samuel J. McConathy (27 years old) and Geoffrey W. McKay (25 years old) were contacted after McConathy reported his van stolen shortly after a report of a robbery at the Speedway Express at approximately 5:00 a.m. on this date. The initial investigation reported a male subject entering the location, removed the cash register, and fleeing the area in a silver van. The subjects later dumped the register out of the vehicle.

Prior to the above incident, KFPD detectives had been conducting surveillance operations during the late evening and early morning hours due to recent robberies in the city. KFPD Detectives observed the same van in the area during their surveillance of a local business. In a joint effort, KFPD and KCSO detectives were able to link both subjects to all three robberies and two attempted robberies in the city limits, and a theft and initiating a false report within the urban growth boundary (UGB).

The reported robberies began on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, through November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Yellow Flamingo Lottery Bar at 1819 Avalon St, the Tyler Texas BBQ at 1414 Oregon Ave twice, the Oregon Avenue Food Mart at 2123 Oregon Ave, and the Stop-N-Go store at 1710 Oregon Ave. All five reports described an unknown white male adult wearing similar clothing, and he would demand money from the employees once he entered the businesses. No weapons were seen, but it was believed the subject was possibly armed during the incidents. During three of the reported robberies, the subject left the scene with a large amount of cash. During the other two incidents, the unknown subject fled the scene after the employees threatened to defend themselves with a weapon or call the police.

McConathy was lodged in the Klamath County Jail for the following charges: Robbery II x 4, Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Attempted Theft II, Criminal Mischief III, and Initiating a False Report.

McKay was lodged in the Klamath County Jail for the following charges: Robbery II x 5, Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Attempted Theft II, and Criminal Mischief III.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Klamath Falls Police Department and the Klamath County Sheriff's Office for their hard work during this investigation, and to the community for their patience in the furtherance of justice.

Anyone with additional information regarding these robberies are encouraged to call the Klamath Falls Police Department at (541) 883-5336 or the anonymous tip line at (541) 883-5334.

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