Lake Oswego Police Seek Help in Identifying Property

In September of 2012 Detectives from the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Lake Oswego Police Department and Beaverton Police Department served search warrants on locations in Rhododendron in connection to a string of burglaries in their cities. In most of these cases the suspects would remove the power meters in order to try and disable the alarm system of the home.

Arrested in connection with these burglaries was Thomas Phelps. At the time the search warrants were served there was a large amount of property recovered from storage units and a motel in Rhododendron.

Further investigation by Detectives from the Lake Oswego Police Department has resulted in hundreds of additional items they believe was stolen in those same burglaries throughout the metro area. This property was recovered from a second hand dealer in the Woodburn area who received it from the suspect, Thomas Phelps.

Most of this property has little monetary value, but perhaps holds tremendous sentimental value as there are personal notes attached to some of it. Most of these items appear to be family heirlooms such as tea sets, china, old newspaper clippings and musical instruments.

In order to help identify the owners of this property the Lake Oswego Property and Evidence Officer is offering the press a showing of the property between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm Monday, February 11, 2012 at the West End Building located at 4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego. Please contact Evidence Officer Wendy Svaren at 503-969-6218 for specific directions.

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