

# Community Newsletter

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## Introducing Sheriff Jim Burge



On Wednesday, December 26, 2007, at the weekly Board of Commissioners meeting, Undersheriff Jim Burge was appointed Sheriff (effective January 1, 2008), to serve the remainder of Sheriff Chris Brown's term which ends December 31, 2008.

Sheriff Brown has accepted a position with the Oregon State Police overseeing the Public Safety Services Bureau effective January 1, 2008.

Sheriff Jim Burge began his law enforcement career in 1983, as a Deputy Sheriff in Laramie County, Wyoming. Prior to that, he served four years in the United States Air Force as a Security Specialist at FE Warren AFB. In December 1986, he was hired by the Roseburg Police Department and served as a patrol officer, detective, and patrol corporal. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1999. He also served as a Crime Prevention Officer, Neighborhood Watch and Block Coordinator, Emergency Response Team (ERT) member, leader, and Tactical Operations Commander. Sheriff Burge has been second in command of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office since Sheriff Brown was appointed Sheriff in June 2003.

Sheriff Jim Burge, Jr. was raised in Winston, Oregon, and graduated from Douglas High School. Jim is the oldest of four children. Jim's family is immersed in the law enforcement profession. His father, Jim Burge, Sr., was a Winston City Police Officer, who transferred to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office in 1975. Jim Sr., rose to the rank of Patrol Lieutenant before retiring. Jim Sr. died of cancer in 2001. His mother, Shirley, was a dispatcher for the Winston Police Department during the early '70's. Both of his younger brothers, Dennis and Gary, worked for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office for a brief time. Dennis is a decorated police officer for Grants Pass Police Department. Deputy Gary Burge died of a bicycle accident injury in 1996, two weeks after being hired by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Jim's sister, Diana, is married to Florence Police Department Sergeant John Pitcher. Jim's wife, Frances, is a prosecutor in the Douglas County District Attorney's Office.

Sheriff Burge has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Managerial Leadership and a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Management. Jim is a graduate of the Oregon Executive Development Institute and a graduate of the 202nd session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Jim has innumerable hours of professional training in various subjects. He has acquired his Executive and Management levels of certification from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

Sheriff Jim Burge has been dedicated to community service for most of his life. He is currently a board member for United Way of Douglas County and a past board member of Court Appointed Special Advocacy (CASA) of Douglas County. He is the father of two boys who are proudly serving in the military. Justin is a Petty Officer Second Class in the United States Navy and is transitioning to Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan and Joel is a M1A1 tank driver in the Marine Corps who recently returned from his second tour in Iraq. He is stationed at Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, CA.

## Beware of Scams and Fraud

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens of the dangers of giving out personal information over the phone and Internet.

Recently, an elderly Douglas County woman received a call from a man claiming to be from the Social Security Administration. The man spoke with a thick foreign accent. The man wanted the victim to give him the name of her bank and her bank account number. The woman refused to provide the information. The man called back several more times over the next few days attempting to get the information. A woman claiming to be from Social Security also called one time wanting the information but the woman did the right thing and did not give out the information.

Citizens should never send money or give out personal information such as credit card numbers and expiration dates, bank account numbers, dates of birth, or social security numbers to unfamiliar companies or unknown persons. Criminals can use this information to steal the identity of the victim.

A very good resource for citizens is the Federal Bureau of Investigation website at [www.fbi.gov/becrimesmart.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/becrimesmart.htm). Among the information that can be found there is information on common fraud scams, and how citizens can protect themselves from fraud.

If anyone believes they have been the victim of a scam or any type of fraud they should contact their local law enforcement agency right away.

## The Facts: Teens and Prescription Drugs (OxyContin)



Are you a parent who has been prescribed OxyContin or a Valium type of drug by your doctor? Do you know how many pills are in the bottle? Have you checked lately? Now come the big questions: do you have teenagers living in your home? Even if your teen is not abusing your prescription drugs, does he or she have friends that come to visit? Again the question is, do you know, on a daily basis, how many pills remain in the bottle? These are questions that every parent with teenagers in the home must address with their children. Check out these facts:

- 1 in 20 high school seniors now acknowledges taking OxyContin, a prescription drug for managing severe pain that, when abused, can be powerfully addictive. \*
- OxyContin use by 12th graders is up 40 percent nationwide in just three years.
- Five times as many 12th graders report using OxyContin than report using methamphetamine.

The results have been tragic.

Prescription drugs are the second-most used drugs among teens, behind marijuana. Teens are doing stimulants, barbiturates and painkillers. Many don't realize how highly addictive and dangerous some of these pills can be -- OxyContin in particular.

Many teens crush up OxyContin pills and snort them to get high, getting a hefty dose of opiate all at once when they are not in any pain to begin with. This form of taking in the drug is much more likely to lead to addiction.

- Half of all students today try an illicit drug by the time they finish high school.
- Use of alcohol during the year before the survey was down 2.7 percent among 8th graders; down 1.5 percent among 10th graders; and down 2.1 percent among 12th graders.
- Lifetime use of cigarettes declined 2 percent among 8th graders, 1.7 percent among 10th graders and 2.8 percent among 12th graders.

\* The National Institute on Drug Abuse - In its annual survey of teen drug use \*\*NPR Radio National Crime Prevention Coalition

## Telemarketing Fraud

When you send money to people you do not know personally or give personal or financial information to unknown callers, you increase your chances of becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud.

Warning signs -- what a caller may tell you:

- "You must act 'now' or the offer won't be good."
- "You've won a 'free' gift, vacation, or prize." But you have to pay for "postage and handling" or other charges.
- "You must send money, give a credit card or bank account number, or have a check picked up by courier." You may hear this before you have had a chance to consider the offer carefully.
- "You don't need to check out the company with anyone." The callers say you do not need to speak to anyone including your family, lawyer, accountant, local Better Business Bureau, or consumer protection agency.
- "You don't need any written information about their company or their references."
- "You can't afford to miss this 'high-profit, no-risk' offer."

If you hear these--or similar--"lines" from a telephone salesperson, just say "no thank you," and hang up the phone.

### Some Tips to Avoid Telemarketing Fraud:

It's very difficult to get your money back if you've been cheated over the phone. Before you buy anything by telephone, remember:

Don't buy from an unfamiliar company. Legitimate businesses understand that you want more information about their company and are happy to comply.

Always ask for and wait until you receive written material about any offer or charity. If you get brochures about costly investments, ask someone whose financial advice you trust to review them. But, unfortunately, beware -- not everything written down is true.

Always check out unfamiliar companies with your local consumer protection agency, Better Business Bureau, state Attorney General, the National Fraud Information Center, or other watchdog groups. Unfortunately, not all bad businesses can be identified through these organizations.

Obtain a salesperson's name, business identity, telephone number, street address, mailing address, and business license number before you transact business. Some con artists give out false names, telephone numbers, addresses, and business license numbers. Verify the accuracy of these items.

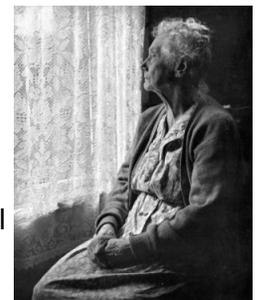
Before you give money to a charity or make an investment, find out what percentage of the money is paid in commissions and what percentage actually goes to the charity or investment.

Before you send money, ask yourself a simple question. "What guarantee do I really have that this solicitor will use my money in the manner we agreed upon?"

## Elderly Vulnerable This Time of Year

The colder weather is upon us. This should be a reminder for all of us to check on our elderly family members and neighbors - especially when temperatures reach the freezing mark. When temperatures get very low and the household is not prepared, serious health issues can occur. During inclement weather, seniors are especially vulnerable to the risk of hypothermia or injury of falling.

In inclement weather, it is important to regularly check on seniors or anyone for that matter. It could mean the difference between life and death. We think about those we're real close to, but sometimes, we don't even know our neighbors. It could be as easy as introducing yourself and making a few phone calls.



# Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County December 1-31, 2007

## Burglaries

100 block Mound St., Gardiner  
3900 block Buck Creek Rd., Curtin  
500 block Transfer Rd., Yoncalla  
5400 block Buckhorn Rd., Roseburg  
100 block Cordelia Ct., Roseburg  
2500 block Tenmile Valley Rd., Tenmile  
2000 block Olalla Rd., Tenmile  
1200 block Coos Bay Wagon Rd., Lookingglass  
1900 block Pruner Rd., Riddle  
800 block Hamlin Dr., Canyonville  
1000 block N. Pacific Hwy., Myrtle Creek  
6100 block Azalea Glen Rd., Glendale

## Thefts

4000 block Eagle Valley Rd., Drain  
100 block Pleasant St., Roseburg  
900 block OC Brown Rd., Dixonville  
1000 –1400 block Cattle Dr., Dixonville  
100 –200 block Bramble Way, Dixonville  
100—300 block Fox Hill Ln., Dixonville

16000 block Dixonville Rd., Dixonville  
200 block Heritage Lp., Roseburg  
600 block Landfill Rd., Roseburg  
2400 block Austin Rd., Green  
100 block Poteet Ave., Green  
2700 block Landers Ln., Green  
200 block Emils Way, Green  
4600 block Carnes Rd., Green  
100 block Beverly Ct., Green  
1100 block Olalla Rd., Tenmile  
200 block SW Fourth St., Canyonville  
200 block Carte Ln., Myrtle Creek  
100 block Wecks Rd., Myrtle Creek  
800 block Autumn Ln., Azalea  
2600 block Glendale Valley Rd., Glendale

## Thefts from Motor Vehicle

700 block Meadow Ave., Roseburg  
1800 block Linnell Ave., Green  
5200 block Grange Rd., Green  
600 block Callahan Dr., Green

300 block Chandler Dr., Green  
900 block Fourth Ave., Riddle  
300 block Harbor Dr., Riddle  
400 block Azalea Glen Rd., Glendale

## Criminal Mischief

400 block First St., Yoncalla  
100 block Main St., Yoncalla  
200 block W. 'B' Ave, Drain  
100 block Oak Valley Loop, Roseburg  
100 block Busenbark Ln., Roseburg  
3600 block S. Hwy 99, Green  
300 block Chandler Ln., Green  
2000 block Green Ave., Green  
1900 block Austin Rd., Green  
100 block Yoder Ln., Green  
2200 block Austin Rd., Green  
100 block Buzz Mountain Ln. Lookingglass  
100 block N. Molly St., Glendale  
300 block W. Pacific Ave., Glendale  
100 block Major Dr., Glendale



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