

Community Newsletter

Visit us on the web at www.dco.com

Volume 2, Issue 1

October 2008

Sheriff's Office

541-440-4450



Dispatch Non-Emergency

541-440-4471

Emergency

9-1-1

Community Outreach

Andrea Zielinski

541-440-4486

Records Division

541-440-4463

Civil Processing

541-440-4468

Patrol Division

541-440-4457

Investigations

541-440-4458

Drug Activity Tip Line

541-440-4474

Search and Rescue

541-440-4448

Marine Patrol

541-440-4447

Douglas County Jail

541-440-4440

Animal Control

541-440-4327

Concealed Handgun Licensing

541-957-2021

A Dangerous Mix



Do you know what is in your child's 'energy drink'? An alcoholic beverage, premixed with caffeine and other ingredients, is being sold locally at bars, liquor stores, some gas station/convenience stores and supermarkets. Many of these drinks contain up to 7% alcohol – almost twice as much as some brands of beer. The packaging of these drinks resembles other energy drinks, down to the colors and script.

Sparks is a malt beverage with 7% alcohol, caffeine, taurine and ginseng, among other ingredients. The combination of alcohol and energy drinks has been found to dramatically increase the risk of injury, and other alcohol-related consequences, because individuals do not realize their level of intoxication while consuming a mixture of the two. Since energy drinks are stimulants and alcohol is a depressant, the combination of effects may be dangerous. The stimulant effects can mask how intoxicated you are and prevent you from realizing how much alcohol you have consumed. Fatigue is one of the ways the body normally tells someone that they've had enough to drink.

The stimulant effect can give the person the impression they aren't impaired. No matter how alert you feel, your blood alcohol level is the same as it would be without the energy drink. Once the stimulant effect wears off, the depressant effects of the alcohol will remain and could cause vomiting in your sleep or respiratory depression.

Both energy drinks and alcohol are very dehydrating (the caffeine in energy drinks is a diuretic). Dehydration can hinder your body's ability to metabolize alcohol and will increase the toxicity, and therefore the hangover, the next day.

As the above information advises, alcoholic energy drinks create a dangerous mix. Yet the alcohol industry markets these beverages with messages that fail to alert the public to the potential for misjudging your intoxication level and, instead, suggest that these beverages will enhance alertness and energy and help you stay 'sober'.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office in partnership with UMPQUA PARTNERS – for a drug-free future, encourages you to sit down with your children and discuss the truthful effects of alcohol use. For more information about energy drinks that contain alcohol and how you can get these products off the shelves, please visit www.updrugfree.org

Is Your Neighborhood Watch Stale?

Neighborhood Watch will be as effective as you and your neighbors choose to make it. It's an unfortunate fact that when a neighborhood crime crisis goes away, so does enthusiasm for Neighborhood Watch. If you apply some creative effort into enhancing your Neighborhood Watch, it can continue to be an effective deterrent to criminal activity in your area. Work to keep your Watch group a vital force for community well-being.

Introducing a variety of activities into your Neighborhood Watch can provide a welcome change of pace. If you are trying to enhance or reinvigorate your Neighborhood Watch Group here are a few tips to help:

Create a web newsletter. Maintaining contact with Watch members is essential to a successful exchange of information. Keeping your neighbors up-to-date will help them feel that they are still involved.

Introduce yourself to new neighbors and invite them to your next gathering — as people move in and out of the neighborhood be sure to invite them to join the Watch. New neighbors will feel welcomed and everyone will get to know each other.

Is there an elderly or disabled person on your street? Get your Neighborhood Watch group involved. Schedule a day of yard work, home repair, maintenance, or housework for that person.

Organize a community clean-up or fix-up day to tackle things that contribute to crime, such as poor street lighting, abandoned cars or houses, or littered lots.

Hold events like group picnics, potlucks or barbecues to get everyone together. A pleasant change of pace takes place when a neighbor hosts a gathering where residents bring their favorite foods and beverage items for sampling.

Another great way to mingle with neighbors is to plan a progressive dinner in which your neighbors prepare foods from a planned menu. Each menu item from salad to dessert is served at a different neighbor's house for guests to enjoy and get to know each other.

Does your community or neighborhood have an emergency management plan? Do you need updated information about Identity Theft or home security techniques? Schedule meetings and trainings for your group and invite guest speakers from the Sheriff's Office, fire department or other local agencies to do the presentations.

It is important to maintain contact with your local law enforcement agency — don't wait for a problem to come up. It is essential that the Watch keep an open dialog with local law enforcement. Let them know if there are any problems or challenges that the neighborhood may be facing so that we can provide you with the maximum amount of resources to keep your neighborhood safe and your Watch active and interested.

For more information about Neighborhood Watch or to schedule a speaker or a deputy to be present at your next meeting, please call 440-4486.

Work from Home Scam



"Assemble our products at home. Earn \$200 per week." How often have you seen such an advertisement or ones like it? Advertised opportunities to earn money by doing work in your home are frequently nothing more than fraudulent schemes and, at best, rarely result in any meaningful earnings.

The targets of the work-at-home con artists are those who need extra money but who are not able to work outside their homes. Victims typically include mothers at home caring for young children, the unemployed, the elderly, handicapped persons and people with low incomes.

These ads typically promise a "large income" for working on projects "in great demand." Some promotions stress that "no experience is necessary;" while others indicate that "no investment is required." The one characteristic common to all of these schemes is that you are required to purchase something before you are able to start work.

Probably, the most common kind of work-at-home scheme is envelope stuffing. Typically, all you receive for your money are instructions to place an ad like the one you answered, which requires you to rip off your fellow citizens to make any money. Remember: modern mailing techniques and equipment have virtually eliminated the need for homeworkers to perform legitimate envelope stuffing, addressing, and mailing services from their homes.

Some work-at-home schemes don't really offer work in the home, but sell ideas for setting up home businesses. Other schemes require you to raise animals. Many schemes require you to produce items, such as sewing baby booties or aprons, making Christmas wreaths or toys, or fabricating other specialty products. You are not told that you will have to sell these items yourself and that there is generally little or no market for them. The promoters of such schemes are only interested in selling you something--that is, the ideas, animals, or materials you need to start your business.

Sometimes the promoters indicate that "no selling is required." They promise to buy back any items you make, as long as your workmanship is "acceptable" or up to their "high standards." Of course, these promoters will reject everything you send them by telling you that your finished products do not meet their standards. Once again, you are left to sell the items on your own, if you can.

If you have been a victim in any of the above schemes and are unable to get your money back, contact the Oregon State Attorney General's office at (503) 378-4400 and the Better Business Bureau at (503) 212-3022 for help. You may not get your money back, but you can fight to prevent the company from continuing to scam others.

Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between September 1-30, 2008 reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The information contained in this report is intended to help inform the citizens of Douglas County of the criminal activity occurring in their area. The data referenced in this report only includes incidents where a police report was initiated by a deputy and does not include all calls for service for the Sheriff's Office.

Burglaries

75000 block Hwy 101, Winchester Bay
500 block Transfer Road, Yoncalla
200 block Shadow Ranch Ln, Roseburg
400 block Shadow Ranch Ln., Roseburg
800 block Mulberry Ln, Lookingglass
400 block Cattle Dr., Dixonville
100 block Christie Ct., Roseburg
2700 block Military Rd., Roseburg
200 block Country Hill Dr., Del Rio
200 block Transfer Rd., Oakland
1200 block Safari Rd., Winston
200 block SE James St., Canyonville
400 block Smith St., Riddle
300 block W Sixth Ave., Riddle
200 block Transfer Rd., Myrtle Creek
300 block Fir Point Ln., Glendale
100 block S. Molly St., Glendale

Thefts

300 block Resort Dr., Diamond Lake
1300 block Rock Creek Rd., Idleyld Park
3000 block Indian Creek Rd., Drain
800 block John Long Rd., Oakland
2000 block Rice Valley Rd., Oakland
500 block Transfer Rd., Yoncalla
1000 block Braunda Dr., Roseburg
4300 block Old Melrose Rd., Roseburg
200 block Braunda Dr., Roseburg

2800 block Moorea Dr., Roseburg
800 block Raven Ln, Flournoy Valley
7100 block Lookingglass Rd., Roseburg
600 block Echo Dr., Wilbur
13000 block Tyee Rd., Oakland
7100 block N Hwy 99, Winchester
100 block Littlebrook Ln., Green
4600 block Carnes, Green
5100 block S Hwy 99, Green
100 block Helweg Rd., Winston
8500 block S Hwy 99, Dillard
300 block Trout Loop, Green
4000 block Hermosa Way, Green
4100 block Riddle Bypass Rd., Riddle
500 block SW Pine Ave., Canyonville
100 block Lou Gray Dr., Canyonville
100 block N. Main St., Canyonville
400 block S Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
500 block Chadwick Ln, Myrtle Creek
400 block S. Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
200 block D Lee Ln., Myrtle Creek
5300 block North Myrtle Rd., Myrtle Creek
100 block Pasadena Ct., Green
100 block Leland Ave, Canyonville
900 block Chadwick Ln, Myrtle Creek

Thefts from Motor Vehicle

81000 block Hwy 101, Gardiner
80000 block Hwy 101 Gardiner
500 block Beech St., Drain
100 block Second St., Drain
Eagle Valley Rd, Yoncalla
4400 block Old Melrose Rd., Roseburg
1800 block Green Ave., Green
200 block SW Frontage Rd., Canyonville
300 block N. Main St., Riddle
100 block Margie Ct., Myrtle Creek
600 block Irving Dr., Myrtle Creek
700 block Creek Rd., Azalea

Criminal Mischief

100 block Idleyld Park Ln, Idleyld Park
3400 block Wild River Dr., Glide
11000 block Buckhorn Rd., Glide
100 block N. Cedar St., Drain
1400 block Quail Ln, Roseburg
400 block Russell Ave., Roseburg
7400 block Lookingglass Rd, Roseburg
1100 block Umpqua College Rd, Winchester
200 block Feather Ln, Oakland
1900 block Green Ave., Green
2200 block Cannon Ave, Green
400 block SE Canyon St., Canyonville
400 block S Main St., Canyonville
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville
400 block Alder Ln, Canyonville
400 block SW Sandra Ct., Canyonville
500 block S Main St., Canyonville
300 block N Park St., Riddle
27000 block Tiller Trail Hwy, Tiller
600 block S Pacifid Hwy, Myrtle Creek
500 block Chadwick Ln, Myrtle Creek
200 block Indian Ln, Myrtle Creek
100 block Weeks Rd., Myrtle Creek
100 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale



DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Jim Burge
1036 SE Douglas Ave.
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

We're on the Web!

www.dcs0.com