

Six Bend teens arrested for rash of graffiti

by Cheryl McDermott

Six teenagers police believe are responsible for a rash of graffiti vandalism to numerous businesses, vehicles and other property in the south side of Bend over the past few months have been arrested, police announced Sunday.

An investigation led to the identification of the teens, aged 16 to 18. Citations for first-degree criminal mischief were issued to William P. Hill, 18, four 17-year-olds, and one 16-year-old. All of the suspects are boys, Bend Police Lt. Ken Stenkamp said.

Several buildings hit by the spray-painted damage include the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Bend Senior High School, Bank of the Cascades, Blue Bucket Mining Company, the Factory Outlet Mall, Dollar Tree, Truax, and Powell Butte Excavation.

Stenkamp said more locations and victims are likely to be identified as the investigation continues.

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