

## Three more teens busted for Bend graffiti

*by Cheryl McDermott*

Three teenagers, two 18-year-olds and one aged 17, were arrested Thursday night in connection with spray-painted graffiti on several buildings and vehicles in northwest Bend, police announced Sunday.

Jedidiah Elliott (left) and Luke Mott (right) - DCJ photos According to Bend Police Lt. Ken Stenkamp, officers responded to the 800 block of NW Columbia about 10:10 p.m., December 20, to a report of suspicious activity. Upon arrival, they found a vehicle with freshly painted graffiti, and an investigation led to the arrest of three boys for multiple counts of criminal mischief.

Jedidiah Elliott and Luke Mott, both 18, were taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail. A 17-year-old was also apprehended, the lieutenant reported. All were charged with two counts of first-degree criminal mischief and eight counts of second-degree criminal mischief.

Chetâ€™s Electric, Bend Metro Parks and Recreation, Pacific Power, Les Schwab and the U.S. Post Office have so far been identified as victims in this latest rash of vandalism, Stenkamp said. It is anticipated that more victims will be identified as the investigation continues, he added.

During the week of December 10, six teenagers were cited for criminal mischief in connection with a graffiti vandalism to businesses, vehicles and other property on the south side of Bend, the lieutenant said. Those cited, all males, included 18-year-old William P. Hill, four 17-year-olds, and a 16-year-old.

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