

Washington Fugitive Captured, CRR Meth Lab Discovered

by Richard Burton

A six-month investigation culminated Saturday in the capture of a Washington state fugitive, sought for two years on outstanding charges of burglary and manufacturing controlled substances. A meth lab, firearms, and stolen property were allegedly found at the fugitive's Crooked River Ranch home, police said.

Colt L. Sipp, 40, was arrested November 11 at 1 p.m. at the Crooked River Ranch location -- 8085 SW Crater Loop -- and taken into custody by detectives from a Street Crimes Unit (SCU) comprised of members from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and officers of the Redmond Police Department.

Colt L. Sipp According to Sgt. Michael Espinoza, detectives developed information that Sipp had been living in Deschutes and Jefferson Counties during the last six months, and was allegedly involved in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

SCU detectives, accompanied by the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team and Bend Police found glassware, scales, packaging materials, chemicals, and a methamphetamine recipe book, said Espinoza. They also seized items used for the ingestion of meth, several firearms, and a possibly stolen vehicle motor. An investigation is continuing regarding the alleged stolen property, added Espinoza.

Sipp had been sentenced in Washington to serve time for burglary and manufacturing controlled substances. He was allowed to do a partial sentence and was released, but failed to return to custody to serve his remaining sentence.

Sipp was transported back to Washington where he will serve his remaining sentence, and also faces new charges in Jefferson County for manufacturing and possession of methamphetamine, possession of precursor chemicals for methamphetamine, and possession of methamphetamine waste.

SCU is a joint effort between the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and the Redmond Police Department whose focus is quality-of-life crimes with an emphasis on investigating street-level sales of methamphetamine.

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