

Three COCC students busted for selling pot from dorm

by Cheryl McDermott

Three Central Oregon Community College students have been arrested for allegedly selling marijuana from a campus dorm room, two others were cited for possession, and more arrests are expected as the investigation continues, detectives announced Thursday.

(left to right) Bryce Rodgers, Derek Jonathon Goodall and Blake Douglas Farlow - DCJ photos Juniper Hall - COCC.edu photo Bend Police Lt. John Gautney, working in consort with the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) team, said the team had planned to withhold information related to the arrests as they continued the investigation, but word about the activities of January 30 and 31 "leaked out". Even so, he said, more arrests are expected "in the near future".

Last Wednesday, anonymous reports "possibly by other students -- and complaints by COCC staff members of possible marijuana use in and around the Juniper Hall Dormitory prompted detectives to investigate. CODE members, assisted by a Deschutes County Sheriff's drug-detecting dog, determined that marijuana was indeed present at several locations around the dormitory.

A circuit court judge granted a search warrant for the room of 19-year-old Bryce Rodgers, and detectives discovered and seized ½ pound of marijuana, digital scales and packaging materials, the lieutenant said.

Rodgers and two other suspects, also COCC students, had fled prior to the raid and refused to speak with detectives but were arrested the following day without incident, Gautney said.

Rodgers, 18-year-old Derek Jonathon Goodall and Blake Douglas Farlow, 19, were lodged in the Deschutes County Jail. They were charged with manufacturing, delivery and possession of a Schedule-I controlled substance; and conspiracy to manufacture and possess marijuana. In addition, Rodgers was charged with conspiracy to deliver marijuana.

Two other students were cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, the lieutenant said. Brianna Marie Martin and Kaitlin W. McCartney, both 18, were cited during the course of the ongoing investigation.

Also on Thursday, detectives seized a large bag of pot from a vehicle parked at an apartment complex near the COCC campus. The car was not included in the original search warrant, the lieutenant said, explaining that it was located during follow-up investigation. "Due to investigative reasons, I am not releasing the name of the car owner at this time," he added.

Between 1 and 1 ½ pounds of marijuana have been seized thus far in the investigation, Lt. Gautney reported, not ruling out additional seizures when the anticipated upcoming arrests are made.

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