

Five teens arrested in southern Bend rock-throwing spree

by Cheryl McDermott

BEND, Ore. -- Five teenaged boys from Bend, Eugene, Elmira and Fall Creek were arrested early Sunday morning in connection with a spree of criminal mischief crimes which caused thousands of dollars in damage to vehicles and houses in the southern part of Bend over the weekend.

Police believe the majority of the damage was caused by rocks thrown through windows, and while there is no evidence to suggest the teens may have been involved in the more than \$10,000 worth of damage caused to nearly 50 victims whose windows were shattered by ball bearings in northwest Bend late last week, they haven't yet ruled out that the same suspects may have been involved, Bend Police Lt. Ben Gregory reported.

Police began receiving reports of the rock-throwing damage on Friday, the lieutenant said. On Sunday about 3:10 a.m., several police officers responded to a 911 call from William and Joanne Nisbit of 19915 Alderwood Circle regarding rocks thrown through their home's window.

Officers contacted the five boys -- one 17-year-old from Bend, two 17-year-olds from Eugene, one 17-year-old from Elmira, and a 15-year-old from Fall Creek -- in the area and determined through an investigation the boys were responsible for the damage at the Alderwood Circle home, Lt. Gregory wrote in a news release.

Information gathered during further investigation suggests the teens were also involved in the other reported incidents, the lieutenant reported. "There may be additional victims of rocks being thrown at vehicles and/or residences," he said. "The public is asked to check their vehicles and residences for damage and to report these incidences to the City of Bend Police Department," Gregory asked.

The boys were all taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Juvenile Detention Center. They each face two counts of first-degree criminal mischief, two counts of conspiracy to commit first-degree criminal mischief, and three counts of third-degree criminal mischief. "There are additional crimes of criminal mischief that will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office once the investigation is completed," Lt. Gregory said.

Thus far, in addition to the Nisbits, reports have been received from the following victims, and damage is estimated at \$4,250: Dylan Alm, 61677 Cedarwood (window, residence); Caitlin Hanson, 61621 Cedarwood (window, residence); Kira Barnett, 20333 Aberdeen Drive (window, vehicle); Kim Harris, 19977 McClellan Road (dents to vehicle); Sonja Newton, 20052 Crystal Creek Court, (window, vehicle); Elizabeth Schultz, 460 Summer Shade (window, vehicle); and Christopher Wilson, 61130 Tapadara Street (window, vehicle).

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