

Redmond man held in over 20 burglary, auto theft, drug offenses

by Cheryl McDermott

A Redmond man was arrested Wednesday morning for over 20 burglary, auto theft, weapon, and drug offense charges after officers staked out the parking lot of a local motel when they located a vehicle allegedly involved in several burglaries, police reported.

Officers identified an orange and white Bronco II that had been involved in commercial burglaries that occurred during the past month at Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent de Paul, The Feed Barn, and Auto Additions, said Redmond Police Captain Al Maich.

William R. Worthington, DCJ Photos

Courtney Church Redmond Police officers initiated a traffic stop on the Bronco for expired license plates as it was leaving the parking lot of Motel 6 at 2247 S. Highway 97 in Redmond shortly after 11 a.m., the captain said. An investigation culminated in the arrest of the driver, identified as 19-year old William R. Worthington of Redmond.

Worthington was lodged in the Deschutes County Jail in lieu of \$103,500 bail on charges including an outstanding warrant from Crook County, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance, manufacturing of a controlled substance, three counts of second-degree burglary, two counts of first-degree theft, two counts each for first- and second-degree criminal mischief, first-degree robbery, two counts of menacing, two counts of pointing a firearm at another, unlawful use of a motor vehicle, two counts of unlawful entry of a motor vehicle, and unlawful use of a weapon.

Courtney Church, 21, was also arrested during the investigation, the captain reported. She is lodged in the Deschutes County Jail on a single count of possession of a controlled substance with bail set at \$5,000.

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