

Two Redmond men arrested in Petersen Rock Garden burglary

by Cheryl McDermott

Two men were taken into custody Tuesday night after crashing their vehicle through a fence and fleeing on foot, suspected of burglarizing and vandalizing the well-known tourist attraction and surrounding grounds of Petersen Rock Garden between Bend and Redmond, authorities reported. The driver is also accused of drunk driving and auto theft.

Petersen Rock Garden

Donald J. Bowling (left), and Robert Wayne Caward (right) â€“ DCJ photos
Deschutes County Sheriffâ€™s deputies responded to the popular attraction at 7930 SW 77th Street about 10 p.m. when they received a report of a burglary, theft and criminal mischief, Sgt. Gary Cima said.

Shortly thereafter, deputies learned that a vehicle had crashed through a livestock fence and several large wooden posts on SW McVey Avenue in Redmond, about a mile from the rock garden.

According to Sgt. Cima, the vehicle occupants fled the scene, but were later found and treated for minor injuries sustained in the crash.

Redmond residents Donald J. Bowling, 23, and Robert Wayne Caward, 22, were taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail.

Bowling remains in custody in lieu of \$22,500 bail, and is charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; third-degree assault; second-degree burglary, theft, and criminal mischief.

Caward is charged with second-degree burglary, theft, and criminal mischief. His bail was set at \$10,000.

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