

Magazine sales scam 'cheerleaders' jailed

by Cheryl McDermott

Two teenagers were arrested for theft by deception, accused of telling Lake Oswego residents they were cheerleaders with the University of Oregon or Lake Ridge High School, or that they represented the Dornbecher Children's Hospital in order to sell magazines or solicit donations.

18-year-old Amanda Wheatley of Newark, Ohio and Tasha Mitchell, 19, of Warsaw, Indiana were taken into custody at the Ramada Inn near the Portland International Airport, Lake Oswego Police reported.

Amanda Wheatley (left), Tasha Mitchell (right) — CCJ photos Both women were part of a group of sales representatives from Quality Sale, Inc. of Buford, Georgia. Investigation showed that each group member was taking in about \$300 per day, but Mitchell was averaging \$1,200 per day.

Wheatley and Mitchell were both arrested for second-degree theft by deception and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail in lieu of \$7,500 bail.

Police report the main group of Quality Sale representatives were last seen headed for the Seattle area.

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