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Three Arrested in Interstate Organized Retail Theft Case

Tigard Police Detectives with the Commercial Crimes Unit (CCU) arrested three people in connection with an interstate Organized Retail Theft investigation, who have now been indicted on several charges.



Property recovered at the scene.

On November 30, 2021, CCU detectives learned three men stole thousands of dollars in electrical wire and tools from the Home Depot Store in Tigard (14800 SW Sequoia Parkway). Detectives learned the suspects were part of an Organized Retail Theft group from California, who would travel from one store to the next committing fraud up and down the West Coast.

Later that day (11/30), CCU detectives found the same suspects who hit the Tigard store at a Home Depot in Beaverton. With the assistance of Beaverton Police, all three suspects were taken into custody and have been identified as Toni Rivera (DOB 2/10/93), Fredi Rivera (DOB 1/17/96) and Efrain Martin, Jr. (DOB 6/22/93). Three guns, suspected narcotics and at least \$40,000 in property

were recovered at the scene (photo of property attached). All three have been indicted in Washington County on charges of aggravated theft and felon in possession of a weapon.

The same suspects are believed to be responsible for roughly \$100,000 in losses at Home Depot locations in California, and additional thefts from stores in Washington. CCU Detectives are working with interstate partners on this investigation and additional charges may be pending.

The Tigard Police Commercial Crimes Unit is the only one of its kind in Oregon and perhaps on the West Coast. Nationally recognized for their expertise in investigating commercial business crimes, the unit is uniquely funded through business license fees. <u>Learn more about CCU</u>.

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