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## FOUR ARRESTED IN ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT INVESTIGATION



*Officers and detectives around the van where one person was hiding.*



*The back of the van where one person was hiding.*



*Investigators sorting through recovered stolen property.*

Four people are facing charges after Tigard Police interrupted suspected Organized Retail Theft at a local shopping center and recovered nearly \$10,000 in stolen merchandise.

On April 15, 2024 at 1:54PM, loss prevention employees at a store on SW Washington Square Road contacted detectives with the Tigard Police Department's Commercial Crimes Unit, to say a person was stealing merchandise.

Detectives responded and learned the person was part of a four-person crew associated with Organized Retail Theft that had been stealing merchandise and committing fraudulent returns.

One of the subjects ran from loss prevention and hid in the back of a van in the parking lot. Officers and detectives responded and blocked in the van. The man initially did not comply with officers' commands to come out. After several minutes, he did exit the van but repeatedly reached for his waistband, and a K-9 and foam 40mm round were used to safely take him into custody.

Investigators learned the group came to the area from Seattle and detectives believe they committed similar crimes at another store location in Portland at roughly 12:15PM, just prior to coming to Tigard. They are all facing charges of theft I, attempted theft I and theft 2, and have been identified as:

1. George Alvarez-Herrera, age 26, from Seattle
2. Jahyaire Wilson, age 32, from Seattle (in the van)
3. Dery'Aunte Sims, age 27, from Seattle
4. Ashley Hall, age 37, from Portland  
(also charged with identity theft)

Additional charges are expected. To learn more about the Commercial Crimes Unit, visit [www.tigard-or.gov/CCU](http://www.tigard-or.gov/CCU).