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Tigard Police Arrest 4 Suspects for Narcotics and Firearms

On March 18, 2020 around 11:06p.m., Tigard Police were dispatched to an incident at 12220 SW Scholls Ferry Road involving a roll-over crash and disturbance.

Several callers informed dispatch that 5-8 people were standing around an overturned black Ford Explorer with Oregon plates, screaming, and throwing glass at each other. As officers were arriving, a few subjects fled the scene.

A Tigard officer located a juvenile male near SW 123rd and Scholls Ferry Rd while en route to the scene, apprehending him after a foot pursuit. The juvenile was in possession of a handgun.

Along with Tigard Police, including K-9 teams, Washington County Sheriff, Beaverton, Sherwood, and King City officers set up containment in the area and located five individuals associated with the vehicle and disturbance. Officers confiscated firearms, narcotics and cash in the possession of these suspects. After being cleared medically from the roll-over crash, four suspects were charged with the following offenses:

- A Washington County 15-year old male was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm.
- Samuel Ezekiel Deland-Fleming, a 21 year-old Portland man, was charged with an outstanding arrest warrant, unlawful possession of a firearm, distribution and possession of controlled substances.
- Visanou Thephomma, a 18-year old Banks man, was charged with an outstanding arrest warrant, unlawful possession of a firearm, distribution and possession of controlled substances.
- Noah Jay Herlong, a 20-year old Hillsboro man, was charged with an outstanding arrest warrant.

A big thank you to our partners who helped us apprehend the suspects as well as Beaverton Police who helped field priority calls while Tigard officers were interviewing witnesses and processing these arrests.

Our partners are essential, particularly in these dynamic situations where multiple subjects possessing weapons are at large.



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Left to right: Deland-Fleming, Thephomma, and Herlong.