

Sheriff's deputies looking for a burglary suspect who was also wanted by federal authorities, located and arrested the subject Tuesday, September 21 at one of three locations for which they had obtained search warrants from the Columbia County Circuit Court. Four other Individuals were also arrested.

Deputies arrested David Clinton Housley, 29, Rainier, who, in addition to being wanted by the U.S. Marshal's Service for a probation violation, was also wanted in Columbia County in connection with Burglary, Theft, Criminal Trespass and several domestic violence charges. The federal probation charge was stemming from a previous conviction on explosives charges.

"We assembled a task force to serve multiple warrants at the same time, in an effort to locate and arrest Mr. Housley, as well as to find evidence of burglary and theft," Sheriff Jeff Dickerson said. "We employed the use of our entire Enforcement Division and obtained the help of the U.S. Marshals and officers from virtually every police department in the county in order to pull these raids off. At the heart of our concern was to catch the suspect unawares at any one of three locations where he was known to stay, without tipping him off that we were looking for him. We were cautious in our approach, due to the suspect's criminal history. Thanks to the help of our partners, we pulled off the operation as it was planned."

Two of the three locations raided under authority of the warrant also yielded additional arrests. Two individuals were arrested at 23670 Shepard Rd, Rainier when deputies entered the premises at dawn in search of Mr. Housley and evidence from a burglary he had committed in the county. Although Housley was not at the residence, Brian Jennings, 53, was taken into custody and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Also arrested at the Shepard Rd. address was Willie Rae VanDergailien, 33, Rainier on a charge of possession of methamphetamine.

The fourth individual arrested was Daniel C. Housley, 32, Rainier, who was concealing his brother, David Housley inside his residence at 74866 Doan Rd #37. Daniel Housley is charged with Hindering Prosecution.

The fifth person arrested is Timothy J. Smith, 40, Rainier. Mr. Smith was arrested at his residence located at the last of the three locations: 69402 Nicolai Cutoff Road. Mr. Smith is charged with possession of a stolen firearm. The stolen gun was recovered from the property, along with a stolen vehicle.

The Search warrants turned up evidence from the burglary in Columbia County for which David Housley is being charged. A computer taken in that burglary was recovered from one of the locations. Also located was jewelry and other items stolen from the known burglary.

The Sheriff's Office received the help of the U.S. Marshals Service, the St. Helens Critical Incident Response Team (including deputies and officers from the St. Helens Police Department, Scappoose Police Department and Rainier Police Department) and the Columbia 911 Dispatch Center. Columbia City and Clatskanie also lent officers to the raids. Medics from the Columbia River Fire and the Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection districts staged at the various locations during the raids.

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The investigation continues, and additional charges are possible.