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Man charged with stealing six vehicles

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a 15-count charging instrument against 52-year-old Christopher Jaha who is accused of stealing a vehicle from a flooring company and then stealing five other vehicles from a solar installation business.

Jaha is charged with two counts of burglary in the second degree, six counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one count of possession of a stolen vehicle, one count of aggravated theft in the first degree, and five counts of theft in the first degree.

According to court documents, during this investigation law enforcement reviewed surveillance video that captured a man stealing a white van from a commercial flooring business. The suspect who stole the van arrived at the business in a pick-up. Police determined the pick-up was registered to Jaha.

April 13, 2020 surveillance video from The Corner Market, located in the 8400 block of Southeast 32nd Avenue in Portland, Oregon, showed a person driving a white van into the business and shattering the windows, according to court documents. The driver of the vehicle then entered the business and attempted to steal a safe, according to court documents.

On April 18, 2020, Portland Police received information about a burglary at a solar installation business in the Cully neighborhood. Officers reviewed surveillance video that showed the driver of a pick-up exiting the vehicle and entering the business multiple times with several other people, according to court documents. Officers determined the pick-up was the same truck used in the incident that resulted in a white van being stolen, according to court documents.

During the April 18, 2020 commercial burglary, the suspect, identified as Jaha, is seen on surveillance video, entering, turning on and driving away with five vehicles registered to the solar installation business, according to court documents.

Police determined Jaha matched the physical appearance of the suspect caught on surveillance video from the alleged incidents occurring on April 13 and April 18, according to court documents.

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On April 20, 2020, police received information that Jaha's pick-up was located at a motel, according to court documents. Officers contacted Jaha and confirmed he was staying at the motel. Police located his vehicle and inside they found clothing items observed in the surveillance video and property belonging to the business burglarized on April 18, according to court documents.

During the investigation, law enforcement recovered more stolen property from the April 18 burglary, according to court documents.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau and its Central Precinct Neighborhood Response Team.

Like in all criminal and civil matters, electronic copies of court documents, which are not subject to a protective order, are available to the public through the Oregon eCourt Information (OEI) system.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Jaha is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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