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4:02 p.m. - December hoax cougar attack report near Dodge Park leads to guilty plea and sentence

Press Release from: Oregon State Police

(Oregon City) - A 39-year old Gresham man cited following a hoax report of a cougar sighting and attack in December was sentenced today in Clackamas County Circuit Court following a guilty plea.

On December 5, 2004, numerous police, fire, and fish & wildlife officials responded to the Dodge Park area following a report that a cougar was seen attacking a man and woman on the north bank of the Sandy River. The report initiated a response by several Oregon State Police Troopers, Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputies, Sandy Fire Department and AMR personnel, and a biologist from the Department of Fish & Wildlife. No evidence was discovered substantiating the report.

Information provided by witnesses led to the identity of ANTHONY D. HOLDEN and his alleged involvement. The Oregon State Police cited HOLDEN for Initiating a False Report, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Following a guilty plea, HOLDEN apologized and was sentenced today in Clackamas County Circuit to the following:

- * Two days in jail to be served starting immediately.
- * Twelve (12) months probation.
- * Forty (40) hours community service,
- * Over \$1,200.00 restitution to be paid to Oregon State Police, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Sandy Fire Department, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the State of Oregon.