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### **Three people charged in connection with thefts totaling approximately \$50,000 from Microsoft store**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that criminal charges have been filed against three individuals who are accused of entering the Microsoft store in downtown Portland and stealing approximately \$50,000 worth of electronics over a four month period.

According to court documents, the three suspects have been identified as Michael Duane Shepherd, Seth Wyatt Colson and Natalie Nicole Pence.

This investigation is being handled by the Portland Police Bureau's Detective Coordination Team and the Neighborhood and Strategic Prosecution Unit within the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

According to court documents, employees from the Microsoft store located at 300 Southwest Yamhill Street in Portland, Oregon have reported to law enforcement that multiple individuals have entered the store and stole laptop computers and other electronic devices, such as tablets.

On November 29, 2018, PPB officers monitored the store to see if any of the individuals responsible for the repeated thefts would reappear, according to a probable cause affidavit prepared by Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney Nathan Vasquez. Law enforcement observed a person, later identified as Shepherd, enter the store. Shepherd matched the description of a person who previously stole electronics from the location. Law enforcement observed Shepherd take a laptop and exit without paying, according to court documents.

Law enforcement believe Shepherd is responsible for stealing from Microsoft at least 28 times, with a total loss of more than \$20,000, according to court documents.

On November 29, 2018, employees from the Microsoft store called police and reported a person had stolen a laptop computer from the store. Law enforcement arrived and located Colson, who is suspected of stealing from the retailer on both November 26 and November 29, 2018.

Pence is accused of stealing from the Microsoft store multiple times in November 2018 with an aggregate loss of at least \$10,000 in merchandise, according to court documents.

Copies of the probable cause affidavits and charging documents filed in this investigation can be obtained using case numbers 18CR79409, 18CR79425 and 18CR81830.

A charging document/indictment is only an accusation of a crime. All defendants are innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This remains an ongoing criminal investigation and as such, no additional information can be released at this time.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the Portland Police Bureau's Central Precinct Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) and Central Precinct patrol officers for their assistance throughout this investigation.

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