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BEND PATROL ALERTS POLICE TO BURGLARY SUSPECT **Alert Bend Patrol Officer Helps Police Tie Drunken Pedestrian to Break in.**

February 05, 2009 DOWNTOWN BEND – An alert Bend Patrol Security Officer last night helped local police officers turn their offer to give a tipsy man a ride home into a ride to the Deschutes County Jail.

Last night at about 11:00 pm, Officer Ken White of Bend Patrol Services discovered a burglary at a business in the Columbia River Bank Complex in Downtown Bend. CRB is a longtime client of Bend Patrol and Officer White was performing one of his nightly security checks at the complex when he discovered the break-in.

Just minutes earlier, not far from the complex, Officer White remembered seeing police officers helping an injured man into one of their patrol cars. As Officer White investigated the burglary, he noticed blood at the scene. Officer White contacted police, provided details about the break-in and also relayed his suspicions about the man he saw being ushered into the police car nearby.

Todd Michael Buck, Jr., 21, who police believed was nothing more than an intoxicated, injured citizen, was in the back seat of a police car getting a ride home. But as he was about to be dropped off, his ride home turned into a ride to jail. Buck, who identified himself to police as homeless, was booked on 1 count of second-degree burglary and 1 count of first-degree criminal mischief, as well as probation violations. He is currently being held in Deschutes County Jail lieu of \$25,000 bail.

Bend Patrol Services Owner Nick Thompson said he is proud of Officer White. "Ken spotted the break in and put that incident together with the suspicious activity going on nearby", said Thompson, "if it wasn't for Ken, this guy might have gotten away scot-free, and with a free ride home from the scene of the crime! This is really the essence of our value to our clients and even the community: an extra set of eyes out there looking out for their interests."

Bend Patrol Services provides a variety of security services, including nightly business patrol checks, alarm response and security consulting.