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TILLAMOOK COUNTY - The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office announced the arrest of two people in conjunction with an ongoing narcotics investigation.

The investigation led detectives to two local motels, in which evidence of the sale and use of methamphetamine and marijuana was discovered, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Feb. 19, Tillamook County deputies responded to a reported disturbance at the Comfort Inn in Garibaldi. Three wanted suspects were believed to be involved in the disturbance. Four people fled the scene prior to the arrival of police.

The fleeing persons were identified using video surveillance footage. Items left behind in the room included methamphetamine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and police radio scanners.

Feb. 20, Tillamook County Narcotic Team Detectives and Tillamook Police located one of the subjects from the Comfort Inn in Garibaldi in a room at the Red Apple Motel in Tillamook. Michelle Phillips, 19, of Tillamook was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for violating a release agreement. A male suspect was also located in the room with Phillips.

In the motel room, detectives located an unspecified amount of methamphetamine, a digital scale, drug packaging material, drug paraphernalia and a police scanner. Leancon Dale Loving, 22, of Tillamook, was arrested for Hindering Prosecution, Frequenting a Place where controlled substances are used, Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.

The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office narcotics detection dog, Hoover, was also used during these investigations and successfully located narcotics which had been hidden in one of the motel rooms.

The investigation into the incident at the Comfort Inn in Garibaldi continues and detectives expect additional arrests and criminal charges.

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