



Grants Pass Department of Public Safety



Date: 1/19/2017

Nature: Stolen Vehicle/Theft **Incident Number:** 2017-2685

Location: Grants Pass Skate Park, Grants Pass, OR

Complete by: Detective Sgt. Dan Evans **Approved by:** Lt. Todd Moran

Details:

On Thursday, January 19th 2017 at approximately 10:00 AM an employee with the Grants Pass Parks Department was conducting maintenance at the Grants Pass Skate Park. While inside the building the door was shut and locked behind him. The suspect used the Parks Department keys to steal the city owned truck parked nearby.

The suspect left the park in the stolen truck in an unknown direction of travel. Approximately forty minutes later, Grants Pass Police were made aware of the truck being located in Gold Hill. Residents in the 100 block of Kellogg Street took photos of the Grants Pass Parks Department truck being operated by a male suspect. The male suspect, later identified as 18 year-old Athenian Russell was observed unloading tools from the truck at a residence. Russell left in the stolen truck before Jackson County authorities could arrive.

At about 1:00 PM, the Oregon State Police contacted the Grants Pass Police regarding a crash involving the stolen Grants Pass Parks Department truck. The crash occurred on Highway 62 near milepost 32. Jackson County authorities are currently searching for Athenian Russell who is believed to be in the area on foot.

Anyone with information on the stolen truck is urged to contact the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety at 541-450-6260. Anyone with knowledge of Athenian Russell's current whereabouts should contact their local law enforcement. Attached are pictures of Athenian Russell and the totaled Grants Pass truck.



SUSPECT:

Athenian K. Russell 18 Years of age

5'03" 110 lbs. Brown hair/Brown Eyes

Transient Grants Pass area

CHARGES:

1. Unauthorized use of Vehicle. At large

2. Theft I. At large

