**PRESS RELEASE**

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Subject: Theft of Livestock search warrant and arrest.

On 8/27/2020, the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department (WSTPD) executed a tribal search warrant at the Jason Smith residence located on the Warm Springs reservation relating to allegations that Mr. Smith illegally obtained livestock from another tribal member, and then transported this livestock across state lines to complete the sale, which is a federal felony pursuant to 18 United State Code 2317.

Since receiving the citizen complaint alleging the illegal taking of their livestock by Mr. Smith, we have been working this matter with law enforcement personnel from the Warm Springs Bureau of Natural Resources, with a continuing investigation into the full scope of the illegal taking of livestock from Warm Springs.

Based on the results of the investigation to date, Mr. Smith has been arrested on tribal charges for theft, and has been transported to NORCOR in The Dalles, OR, with an ongoing investigation relating to possible violation(s) of federal law.

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