



# **SOUTH COAST INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS TEAM**

**200 EAST 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, COQUILLE, OR 97423**  
**PHONE: (541) 396-7780 FAX: (541) 396-1024**

---

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Clifton Sentenced to Additional Twelve Months

Coquille, OR July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Samuel Joseph Clifton was sentenced to twelve months in custody after being found guilty after a bench trial.

In May of 2013 an Oregon State Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a truck driven by the defendant. During the stop the trooper suspected the vehicle to be stolen and learned the defendant was driving suspended and uninsured. As a result of the trooper's observations, the defendant was detained, stated a 30-30 rifle was in the truck and admitted he was a felon.

The trooper arrested the defendant. While ensuring no means of escape or weapons, the trooper located a broken methamphetamine pipe in the defendant's coat. The rifle was located and matched the description provided by Clifton.

Clifton was previously sentenced to twenty-five months after a twelve person jury found the defendant guilty on July 3d, 2014 based on a 2012 SCINT investigation. Clifton elected a bench trial for the May of 2013 events and was found guilty of Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.

Clifton was sentenced to twelve months in custody consecutive to his previously sentenced twenty-five months.

SCINT encourages the public to report narcotics activity on the web by going to [www.scint.us](http://www.scint.us) and "Report a Dealer". Also, find us on Facebook.

*SCINT is partially funded by the US Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services and the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The funding is provided through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (3%), COPS Methamphetamine Initiative (56%) and Congressionally Selected Awards Program (41%).*