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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Alleged Burglar Sentenced to 25 Months.



Coquille, OR July 14, 2014 Samuel Joseph Clifton was sentenced to twenty-five months in custody after being found guilty by a twelve person jury.

In December of 2012 Coos County Sheriff Deputy Doug Miller began investigating an alleged burglary on East Bay Drive in Coos County Oregon. The reporting parties suspected Samuel Clifton. SCINT was also informed that Clifton may be in possession of methamphetamine and that he was operating a marijuana grow site on Cape Arago Highway in Coos County, Oregon.

SCINT detectives began corroborating information. Despite previous convictions for: DUII, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, three counts of Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle, two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the Second Degree, Reckless Driving and Theft in the First Degree the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program issued Clifton a growers permit. Detectives learned this grower card had been expired in excess of three months.

Assisted by Coos Bay Police, the Coos County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police, SCINT detectives executed a search warrant at Clifton's residence on Cape Arago Highway on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. During execution, the reported property was retrieved for the elderly victim. In addition to the stolen property there was a non-compliant marijuana grow located in addition to scales, packaging material and a purported zip gun.

The defendant was charged and subsequently failed to appear for numerous court appearances. Warrants were issued for the defendant's arrest. Working with informants, SCINT determined the location of Clifton and he was arrested on the outstanding warrants and held to answer for his crimes.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 a twelve person jury found Clifton guilty of Unlawful Manufacture of Marijuana, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. The jury also found Clifton guilty of the commercial drug enhancements.

Per Oregon Sentencing Guidelines, Clifton was sentenced to twenty-five months in custody followed by thirty-six months post prison supervision.

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.

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