



# Prineville Police Department

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## Topic: Burglary Suspect Arrested

**Location:** Prineville, Oregon

**Arrested:** Ream, Tony Jeff      Age 33      **Hometown:** Prineville

**Charged:** Burglary II (Non-Residential Building), Theft I, Criminal Mischief I and Criminal Mischief II

**Custody Status:** Booked by Crook County Sheriffs Office

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at approximately 0525 AM, the Prineville Police Department was alerted to a burglary in progress at the Prineville Elks Lodge, 151 N. Main Street. Responding officers, with the help of citizen tips, tracked the suspect to a building complex on N. Main Street at N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The suspect, later identified as Tony Jeff Ream, leapt from the roof of one building to a lower level roof and hid in the basement of a closed business. Prineville Police Officers, with the help of Deputies from the Crook County Sheriffs Office and Oregon State Police Troopers, located Ream hiding in a crawlspace of the building basement. Ream suffered a broken leg sometime during the incident before police located him. Ream was arrested and transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital for treatment. Likely stolen money was recovered from Ream at the time of his arrest and additional stolen monies were recovered during subsequent search of the route between the Elks Lodge and the location of Ream's arrest. The law enforcement response caused a portion of downtown Prineville to be closed to traffic for approximately 2 hours.

The Elks Lodge suffered damage to the building and a safe. The investigation is ongoing. At this point it appears most, if not all, of the stolen money has been recovered. Over \$1000.00 was initially taken. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Prineville Police Department.

-Captain Michael Boyd