

Recent allegations of misconduct by an Oregon State Police trooper and his narcotic enforcement K-9 are concerning. The Oregon State Police (OSP) is aware of these allegations but cannot comment on pending civil litigation. However, OSP is committed to keeping and maintaining its core values and is steadfastly committed to equity and fairness. The agency's mission is diverse and includes enforcement of the state's traffic safety laws, protection of natural resources like fish and wildlife, and the detection and apprehension of drug traffickers and money launderers among many others.

OSP takes allegations of racial discrimination and evidence mishandling seriously and has zero-tolerance for such behavior by its members. OSP investigates all allegations of misconduct and takes appropriate steps to address any behavior falling outside its policies, rules, procedures or law.

The eight (8) traffic stops mentioned each involved the detection and seizure of a substantial amount of suspected illegal currency and/or contraband.

Six (6) stops involved the seizure of currency and a subsequent arrest for money laundering. Individual seizures of currency occurred in the amounts of: \$96,670, \$140,000, \$47,225, \$10,025, \$5,720 and \$98,035, totaling more than \$397,000.

In addition to stops involving money laundering, arrests were also made for the Unlawful Possession/Delivery of Cocaine, the Unlawful Import/Export of Marijuana, Delivery of Marijuana, and Unlawful Possession and Delivery of Methamphetamine. The stops resulted in the seizure of 1.7 pounds of cocaine, 56 pounds of methamphetamine and 97 pounds of marijuana.

All of the individuals listed in the reports faced one or more of the aforementioned charges which were referred to the district attorney's office for review.

Trooper Travis Peterson is employed with the Oregon State Police and is currently on protected leave unrelated to these matters.
