

## **NEWS RELEASE - Portland Police Bureau Public Information Office**

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### **Detectives seek victims of insurance fraud**

On Thursday, December 13, 2007, Portland Police Bureau Fraud Detectives and investigators from the State of Oregon Insurance Division of the Department of Consumer & Business Services executed a search warrant at Trautman Perrin & Hale Insurance, located at 5319 SW Westgate Drive Suite #250, Portland, Oregon. The warrant was served in connection with an ongoing investigation of reported fraud and violations of state insurance laws by the owner of the business.

The investigation began after detectives learned of the theft of insurance premiums by 46-year-old Darlene Jo Rethwill, the owner and president of Trautman Perrin & Hale Insurance. Based on evidence obtained during the investigation, detectives believe that Rethwill wrote insurance policies for individuals and businesses and used the insurance premiums for personal gain instead of forwarding the money to the appropriate insurance company. The fraud has left dozens and potentially hundreds of victims unwittingly without personal or business insurance.

Investigators are currently seeking additional victims. Anyone who obtained insurance through Trautman Perrin & Hale Insurance is asked to call their insurance provider to verify coverage. If they learn they are not currently covered by insurance purchased through the suspect's agency, they are asked to call Detective Andy Madden at (503) 823-0450.

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