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Father and Son Arrested and Charged With Multiple Criminal Acts

Hermiston, Ore. – At approximately 8am Tuesday, January 23, 2007, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Richard Dale Sowell, 19, of 33056 Baxter Road, Hermiston, Ore. He was charged with Theft I, Aggravated Theft, Burglary II, Criminal Mischief I and Criminal Trespass II.

The ensuing investigation resulted in a Search Warrant executed at 33056 Baxter Road in Hermiston, Ore. at approximately 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 23, 2007. This search yielded a stolen motor vehicle, a methamphetamine lab and evidence related to copper wire thefts. Assisting in the execution of the Search Warrant were Oregon State Police and BENT officers.

Daniel Richard Sowell, 37, father of Richard Sowell and also a resident of 33056 Baxter Road in Hermiston, was arrested for Theft I, Aggravated Theft, Criminal Mischief I, Criminal Trespass II, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance.

Both Daniel and Richard Sowell are lodged in the Umatilla County Jail.

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, assisted by Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police, conducted a search at 76897 Homestead Road in Hermiston, Ore. on Saturday, January 20, 2007. Evidence obtained from Saturday's search contributed to Tuesday's investigation.

Our investigation into recent copper wire thefts are continuing and additional arrests are anticipated.

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