

One of city's most wanted suspects arrested after resident IDs him

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Police on Tuesday arrested one of Salem's 10 Most Wanted suspects on a roof in South Salem after a citizen identified him from a billboard advertisement.

The resident knew the suspect and didn't know he was wanted until she saw him on a Most Wanted billboard Tuesday, police said. When the woman spotted the suspect minutes later, she called police, Salem Police Lt. Dave Okada said.

An officer tried to contact the suspect near Sunnyside Road SE and Keglers Lane S but the suspect fled on a bicycle.

Police set a perimeter and brought in a police dog to search, eventually finding the man on the roof of a building in the 4800 block of Sunnyside Road SE.

Daniel Charles Christman, 31, had been on the most wanted list since June 1, Okada said. Christman has several warrants for his arrest including drug possession, escape and burglary.

Since the Most Wanted program was revived in January 2010, 53 suspects have been listed and 35 have been caught, Okada said. Lamar Advertising donates space for Most Wanted ads on electronic billboards in Salem, which lead to citizen tips that can result in arrest, Okada said.

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