Hoquiam Police Conduct Warrant Sweep Weekend

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On Saturday, January 8, 2011, the police department conducted the first in a planned series of monthly warrant sweeps/jail openings for 201l. The Hoquiam City Jail was staffed by six corrections officers from other agencies who were temporarily hired for this session. During this weekend jail session, twenty three prisoners were booked into the Hoquiam Jail. Three of these bookings were jail commitments being served as ordered by the Hoquiam Municipal Court. Nine of the persons arrested during the opening posted bail or bail bonds to secure their release. As a result, the court was able to collect $11,800.00 in bail. In a dedicated effort by Hoquiam Officers and officers arresting persons with Hoquiam warrants in their jurisdictions, a total of 40 warrants were cleared during this latest effort. In addition, three defendants walked into court to surrender on their outstanding warrants; they were arraigned during the court session. Once again, persons who have outstanding Hoquiam Municipal Court warrants are urged to contact the Hoquiam Municipal Court in person to make arrangements to quash their warrants and arrange for a new court appearance date. The Hoquiam Jail will be opening once per month through 2011 and 2012. The objective is to have the openings at various times during the year to avoid the evasive behavior on the part of persons who fail to obey the order of the court and have outstanding Hoquiam warrants.