To: Out of State Applicants
From: Sgt. Donald Adams
Subject: Concealed Weapons Permits

Oregon law states an out of state applicant must meet certain requirements and show a “compelling” reason for needing the CHL.

Recent examples of specific compelling reasons were:
1- Campground hosts who carried large amounts of cash money around from space fees at different campgrounds in remote areas.
2- An out-of-state ICE officer who periodically works in Jackson County and encounters former clients he’s sanctioned previously.
3- Ranchers in an adjacent California county who run cattle on both sides of the border and have run across occupied marijuana grows and encountered bears/cougars at times.
4- A construction foreman who visits job sites at night for security purposes and has spooked would be thieves/burglars.

Examples of declined reasons:
1- Just wanting one or just because a person has one in multiple other states.
2- I have one in a bordering state and don’t want to stop at the border to put my weapons in the trunk.
3- I camp, explore and visit the area often.
4- I come up once or twice a month to shop at Costco and/or visit the doctor

The above declined reasons didn’t overcome the fact that a person can still open carry under any of those circumstances and still have their firearm with them.

If you’d like to write me a letter, or better yet, just email me (AdamsDG@jacksoncounty.org) with whatever specific reason you feel is a compelling need for an out of state CHL, then I will be happy to consider it.

Respectfully,

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