

March 17, 2011

To the Parent/Guardian of

Portland, OR 97203

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We received a police report which states that _____ was found in possession of less than an ounce of marijuana on _____.

Like you, we are concerned that _____ chose to use marijuana. We ask that you talk with Shawn about the dangers of using marijuana. We have attached a *Tips for Teens* flyer that we encourage you to share with Shawn.

Want more assistance? We have also attached a list of programs that can help you and your family. They can assess Shawn's need for education and treatment. To do this, their staff will meet with you and Shawn to collect information. Treatment might consist of individual, group, and/or family counseling. **Questions about the program or their fees?** Please contact each program directly.

Under the law, Shawn may be fined. The fine can be between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 (Oregon Law 475.864).

We are keeping a record a record of this incident. Youth can apply to have this record removed after they turn 18. This is called "expunction". We have enclosed information about how to do this.

Questions? Call us at 503-988-3460 and ask for an intake worker.

Got a citation? Sometimes police give citations to appear in Court. If Shawn got a citation, Shawn must appear in court. This is true even though we are not acting on this incident. The location and time is written on the citation. If Shawn does not go to court, the court can impose a fine. **Questions about Court?** Please call the number of the court listed on the citation.

Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
Enclosures