

Case 17-006

PSE Complaint No. 1

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Alleged violator:

Bruce McKinnon, Sunshine Kapus
Employee: Chris Smelly/Armando
Omni Contracting Solutions LLC
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Date: 12/15/2016

Location: 21608 56th Place W, Mount Lake Terrace

Violation: Digging without locates; RCW 19.122.30 (2) and (5)

Summary:

On December 15th 2016 PSE's Damage Prevention Field Rep, Roger Arrington, received a call from a PI inspector about a Omni Contracting Solutions crew excavating without locates. Roger checked for a valid ticket on the ITIC site www.managetickets.com and found that a ticket had not been called in for this address. Roger arrived at the site and spoke to Omni employee, Armando, Roger informed Armando, that the crew was digging without locates, which is a violation of RCW 19.122.30 (2) and (5). The crew was finished with the digging and was doing clean up. Roger then took pictures and left. Roger then called Chris Smelly, whom Armando had identified as his manager, and informed him of the dig law requirements to call 811 and obtain locates prior to digging. Chris stated that he usually does call 811 for the 1st couple times they dig but by then they already know where everything is so they don't call anymore because it's not needed. Roger corrected Chris's understanding of the law and let him know that he had to call for locates prior to digging or for a refresh if the ticket was over 45 days from the date he called.







