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## Cops expand investigation of cross-dressing sex offender *Suspect is accused of changing clothes in a women's locker room*

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Thomas Lee Benson

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**Portland police are investigating whether a man arrested June 11 for dressing as a woman and entering the women's locker room** at the Mount Scott Community Center in Southeast Portland has been doing the same thing at other community centers.

Sgt. Brian Schmautz said that Thomas Lee Benson was arrested on one count of invasion of privacy, one count of misuse of a public restroom and one count of failing to register as a sex offender after police responded to a report of a suspicious person at the Mount Scott Community Center at 5530 S.E. 72nd Ave.

**According to witnesses, Benson, dressed in women's clothing, went into the women's locker room at least twice during a period of several hours. Once inside the locker room, he changed clothing with children changing into or out of swimming suits.**

Benson is listed on the Oregon Sex Offender Registry, Schmautz said. Anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Bridget Sickon at 503-823-0878.

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