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**\*\*\*\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\*\*\*\***

**Columbia Distributing to give \$2,000 reward for capture and conviction of Portland bar robbers**

Columbia Distributing, the fifth largest beverage distributor in the country, has announced it will offer a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the recent string of Portland bar and restaurant robberies.

"We're very concerned for our local business partners and their safety," said Mike Shea, Columbia Distributing's Director of On-Premise Sales in the Portland area. "We want to boost awareness and incentivize people to come forward with any information that puts an end to all of this."

Anyone with information about these robberies is asked to contact Detective Tracy Chamberlin at 503-823-4783 or [Tracy.Chamberlin@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Tracy.Chamberlin@portlandoregon.gov).

Columbia Distributing's reward is not affiliated with any rewards being offered by Crime Stoppers of Oregon.

**About Columbia Distributing**

Columbia Distributing is one of the nation's finest beer, cider and non-alcoholic beverage distributors. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, the company has distributed some of the best known brands in the beverage business since 1935. Today Columbia Distributing and its 3,000+ employees service over 20,000 retail customers covering more than 135,000 square miles in Oregon, Washington and California. The company's success is based on the deep-rooted tradition of delivering quality products, timely service and a genuine concern for customers' needs. This is achieved by providing ongoing, sustainable opportunities and growth for its employees, customers, suppliers, shareholders and communities. For more information on Columbia Distributing, please visit [www.coldist.com](http://www.coldist.com).