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## Grand jury: Silverton officer justified in shooting

### Police responded to domestic violence disturbance Feb. 14

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A Silverton police officer was justified in shooting a man on Valentine's Day, a Marion County grand jury ruled.

Marion County District Attorney officials said 21-year-old William Bluestone first shot himself in the chest; then a second shot was fired by Silverton Police officer Timothy Hein.

The Grand Jury unanimously ruled Hein's use of deadly force was justified.

#### Timeline of events

In a timeline laid out by Marion County deputy dis-

trict attorney Matt Kemmy, events unfolded as follows:  
Around 12:40 p.m. on Feb. 14, officials with the Silverton Police Department responded to reports of a domestic violence disturbance at an apartment at 911 Reserve St.

Officers responded to call from a woman who said she had been assaulted by her husband, William Bluestone, at her apartment in Silverton earlier that morning. She said after the assault, William Bluestone forced her out of her apartment and would not let her take their 3-month-old child.

The woman gave police consent to enter her apartment and provided them with the key.

Officials determined William Bluestone also had a probation violation arrest warrant at the time.

When officers arrived at the apartment, they knocked on the door and loudly identified themselves.

No one answered, but officers could hear noises inside the apartment, including a baby crying. Eventually, police used the key to enter.

Police removed the baby and a male juvenile from the apartment before they found William Bluestone hiding under a bed.

William Bluestone told the police he had a gun.

The officers then backed out of the room and took cover on either side of the doorway. Ofcs. Hein and Jonathan Lamoreaux attempted to negotiate with William Bluestone in an effort to get him to surrender peacefully.

During the negotiation, William Bluestone partially crawled out from under the bed with a gun in his hand. Police ordered Bluestone several times to drop the gun, but he refused and instead alternated between pointing the gun at his own head and chest. He also put the

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Kennedy High School's girls basketball team won the 2020 2A state title, beating Monroe 48-26 in the championship game. ANDRE PANSE / SPECIAL TO THE STATESMAN JOURNAL

## Wilderness permits system finalized

### Forest Service to launch program for Three Sisters, Jefferson, Washington

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The U.S. Forest Service has put finishing touches on a plan that will transform hiking and camping in three of Oregon's most popular wilderness areas.

Now, they're preparing for launch. The federal agency worked for almost three years to craft a system that will require hikers and campers to purchase a permit before entering the Three Sisters, Mount Jefferson and Mount Washington wilderness areas, with the goal of limiting crowds, environmental damage and adding solitude.

The final details ironed out included when permits become available, how many people can purchase and where they can be bought — critical details for anyone planning a trip into the 450,000 acres of Oregon's most iconic backcountry.

The first block of permits goes on sale April 7, but will become available throughout the summer. The permits are required May 22 to September 25.

Although similar systems exist across the United States, the scale and complexity of this system is unprecedented for Oregon, and maybe even the United States, and is likely to bring some growing pains, officials acknowledged.

"This is new to us, it's new to the public, and I'm sure we're going to learn a lot this first year," Forest Service spokeswoman Jean Nelson-Dean said. "We've worked hard to get this right, but we're also open to ways to improve the system as it goes into place."

The Statesman Journal has covered this story in depth since it was first proposed three years ago. Here's everything you need to know about the new permit system, including how to get permits, where they're required and the penalty for breaking the rules.

#### Why did this happen?

The plan was developed because of the growing number of people hiking and backpacking in the three wilderness areas, a region of snow-capped volcanoes and mountain lakes between the Willamette Valley and Bend.

Visits more than tripled in the Three Sisters since 2011, leading to increases of trash, human poop and environmental damage in sensitive alpine areas protected under the strongest form of environmental law.

The main issue is Oregon's population growth, particularly in Central Oregon, which is only expected to continue.

Officials have stressed that the system isn't meant to limit overall numbers. It's more about "redistributing" people to avoid massive crowds in just a few places. Over the past few years, 55 percent of the crowds in the Three Sisters have been concentrated on five trails.

"For some of the most popular hikes, it will be tough to get a permit," Matt Peterson, architect of the system for the Forest Service, said in May. "But if a person can't get a permit for a weekend in August, they might end up going on a weekday, or in the fall, or even trying a different area. It will redistribute use

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## Kennedy girls wins 2A state basketball title

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Kennedy High School has built quite a girls basketball tradition in recent years, bringing home the ultimate hardware on a routine basis.

The Trojans just completed a 26-4 season and capped it by winning the OSAA Class 2A state championship in Pendleton.

It is the third state title in five seasons for Kennedy under co-head coaches Kerry and Peter Hall, who also captured championships in 2016 and 2018.

"There has been a lot of hard work by the girls during the Summers and off seasons. Parents getting in-

volved and getting them to tournament basketball at a young age," Kerry Hall said about the keys to building the successful program. "Girls being willing to try new things and consistently work hard at practices and in games to get better."

This season's team cruised through the postseason, beating Heppner 64-26, Coquille 50-36, Bandon 51-33 and Monroe 48-26.

In the championship victory against Monroe, senior Sophia Carley had 20 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Trojans. Ellie Cantu had 16 points, four rebounds and two assists.

"Sophia came ready to play this weekend and it

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## Oregon industry considers action on climate order

Now that Gov. Kate Brown has given state agencies a mandate to cut greenhouse gas emissions, business interests are calculating their next move, including a potential lawsuit.

Brown took executive action Tuesday to enact a strict and declining cap on greenhouse emissions.

Her order aims to cut pollution from transportation fuels, natural gas and industrial polluters. She is also directing state agencies to cut their own emissions and to make Oregon buildings and appliances more

efficient. "The short answer is yes, there will be litigation," said Shaun Jillions, executive director of Oregon Manufacturers and Commerce. "Now the question becomes, when is that going to happen? We assembled our legal team already. They are looking at it right now."

Brown's order is a blunt epilogue to an effort by

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