Oregon in Brief

From wire reports

Marion County deputy arrested on theft, misconduct charges

SALEM — Marion County Sheriff Jason Myers says one of his deputies has been arrested on charges of theft and official misconduct.

Myers said in a news release that Sean Banks was arrested Thursday and booked into the Linn County Jail.

He said his office learned in March that Banks was being investigated by the Salem Police Department.

The deputy was placed on administrative leave two weeks ago.

Authorities have yet to say what the deputy is accused of stealing.

It's unknown if Banks has hired an attorney, or will seek a public defender.

Oregon prosecutor rehired four years after gun incident

KLAMATH FALLS — An attorney has been rehired by the Klamath County District Attorney's Office a few years after he resigned following a gun incident.

District Attorney Eve Costello and News that Cole Chase was the most qualified applicant her office received for a position that opened up.

Chase resigned Jan. 1, 2015, while facing criminal charges that he threatened two men with a gun during an argument outside a martini bar.

He later pleaded no contest to unlawful use of a weapon and menacing. He was sentenced to probation and required to undergo treatment for anger management and alcohol abuse.

The Oregon State Bar suspended Chase's law license for six months and placed him on probation for 18 months.

Man accused of hate crime after attack in Portland Wednesday

PORTLAND — Police have arrested a 38-year-old man on investigation of assault and intimidation for attacking someone on the street in Portland.

The Portland Police Bureau says police responded to the city's Old Town neighborhood at about 8:15 p.m. Wednesday to a report of an assault.

Police say Timothy Walsh had ridden his bike by a group and made a comment to a person about a man in woman's clothing.

Police say the victim responded to the suspect who made a second remark about the person's sexual orientation and then punched the victim in the face repeatedly.

Police say Walsh then left on his bike.

Police say they arrested him at a nearby Greyhound station.

People evacuated due to wildfire southeast of The Dalles

THE DALLES — Authorities have issued mandatory evacuation notices to residents southeast of The Dalles because of a wildfire.

The Wasco County Sheriff's Office said on Facebook Thursday evening that residents along the Deschutes River from Sherars Falls to Mack's Canyon should leave

their homes immediately. The Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center says the fire was reported at about 4:30 p.m. Thursday between Dufur and the Deschutes River. The center says as of Thursday night the blaze had burned nearly 10 square miles and had approached but not crossed the river.

In the same area last week a man died in the Sub-

station Fire, which burned about 123 square miles and was nearly contained as of Thursday.

Deputy accused of sexually abusing woman

PORTLAND — A Multnomah County Sheriff's deputy has been indicted on allegations that he sexually abused a woman.

Dwight Richey faces nine charges including seconddegree sexual abuse, thirddegree sexual abuse and harassment.

The grand jury indictment issued Wednesday says the attack happened at a private home on May 11, 2017 while he was off duty.

The Oregonian/Oregon-Live reports Richey is a longtime sheriff's deputy. Recently Richey had been assigned in a rotation to the Multnomah County jail system and the Multnomah County Courthouse, where he transferred inmates to and from courtrooms.

Richey was taken into custody Thursday. It wasn't known if he had obtained a lawyer.

The sheriff's office says he was placed on paid leave in July 2017 and will now be on unpaid leave while the case proceeds.

Deputy cleared in fatal shooting of inmate at hospital

VANCOUVER, WA—The Clark County Prosecutors Office has cleared a corrections deputy who shot and killed an inmate at a Vancouver, Washington, hospital.

The Columbian reports the prosecutor's office found that Deputy Pam Frisby acted lawfully and fired in self-defense in the May 2017 incident in which John Jefferson Martin died.

Frisby and Deputy Elissa

Black were guarding Martin at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center after he was brought there for treatment for an apparent stroke.

The prosecutor's office says after a doctor arrived to inform Martin that an MRI didn't indicate a stroke, he shoved a nurse away and began punching Black.

During a struggle the prosecutor's office says Martin wasn't affected by Black's use of a stun gun and that Frisby shot Martin after he again attacked Black.

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