

OREGON IN BRIEF

From wire reports

Portland police seek man who stole car with mom, baby inside

PORTLAND — Portland police are looking for the man who took off in a car with a mother and her baby in the backseat.

Police say the man jumped into the driver's seat and drove off Friday.

Susan Kay had left the car running while her boyfriend went into a store. She stayed in the backseat with her 11-month-old daughter.

She says that's when the man hopped in and put the car in reverse. He told her he was trying to get away from police.

She says she argued with him to stop the car. He eventually stopped and ran out of the car. Kay drove to a gas station and called 911.

Neither Kay nor her baby was injured.

Oregon allows medical marijuana deliveries in banned areas

SALEM — Oregon regulators will allow medical marijuana to be delivered to patients who live in areas of the state where licensed marijuana activity is prohibited.

The Statesman Journal reports the rules approved last week by the state Liquor Control Commission go into effect Dec. 28.

Commission spokesman Mark Pettinger says advocates and patients had voiced concerns about rules that limited access to medical marijuana. In some cases, caregivers had to travel outside restricted areas to buy medical marijuana.

The commission has also increased the amount of marijuana cardholders can buy during a single shopping trip to 8 ounces.

Officials had limited the amount to 1 ounce (28 grams)

in August on suspicion that marijuana was being purchased for illegal means.

Beaverton man arrested after crashing into 5 cars

BEAVERTON — A Beaverton man was taken into custody after authorities said he drove drunk and crashed into five cars.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the crashes were reported around 10:40 p.m. Saturday. One person in a struck vehicle was hospitalized with injuries.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office says 51-year-old Wesley Scott had abandoned his car and ran away by the time deputies arrived.

Witnesses say Scott appeared to intentionally hit one car, lost control of his car and then hit the other vehicles.

Officials say a police dog helped find Scott hiding in plants nearby. He was taken to a hospital with minor injuries.

He is expected to be booked into the Washington County Jail on multiple charges including DUI and reckless driving.

Oregon man convicted of abusing children gets 94 years

EUGENE — A 45-year-old man convicted of sexually abusing two children younger than 14 when he lived in Springfield has been sentenced to 94 years in prison with no chance of early release.

The Register-Guard reports that Roy Jay Williams of Aumsville received the sentence Friday in Lane County Circuit Court.

A jury last week convicted Williams of 17 felony charges that included first-degree sexual abuse and first-degree sexual penetration.

Williams during the sentencing hearing told Judge Suzanne Chanti that he "never touched" the children.

But Chanti said the jury got it right and agreed with their verdict.

Oregon City Police: Woman walking on tracks killed by train

OREGON CITY — Authorities in Western Oregon say a woman has died after being hit by a cargo train.

Oregon City Police say the woman was hit Saturday morning by a Union Pacific Railroad train near a rail-

road crossing.

Police say witnesses report that the woman was walking on the tracks before being hit.

Police say the railroad company is working with police on the investigation.

The woman's name hasn't been released.

Oregon couple arrested after allegedly mistreating 35 cats

SALEM — Police in Oregon say a couple has been arrested after they enclosed 35 cats into a U-Haul for three days with no food or water. Three of the felines died.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office said Friday that 52-year-old Richard Kleimeier and his 46-year-old wife, Jenny Kleimeier, were booked for multiple counts of animal neglect.

Richard Kleimeier works for the City of Salem and his wife works for the state.

The sheriff's office says the cats were kept inside laundry baskets that were zip-tied together to keep them sealed in.

The Willamette Humane Society helped take the surviving cats for treatment of various ailments.

The Kleimeiers were taken

to jail and later released. A court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 18.

18-year-old man found dead in a Portland Motel 6 room

PORTLAND — Police say the man found dead in a Portland motel was shot.

A housekeeper at a Motel 6 found the body Friday.

Police identified the man as 18-year-old Ian Olson of St. Helens.

The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office determined Olson died of "homicidal violence" from a gunshot wound.



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