

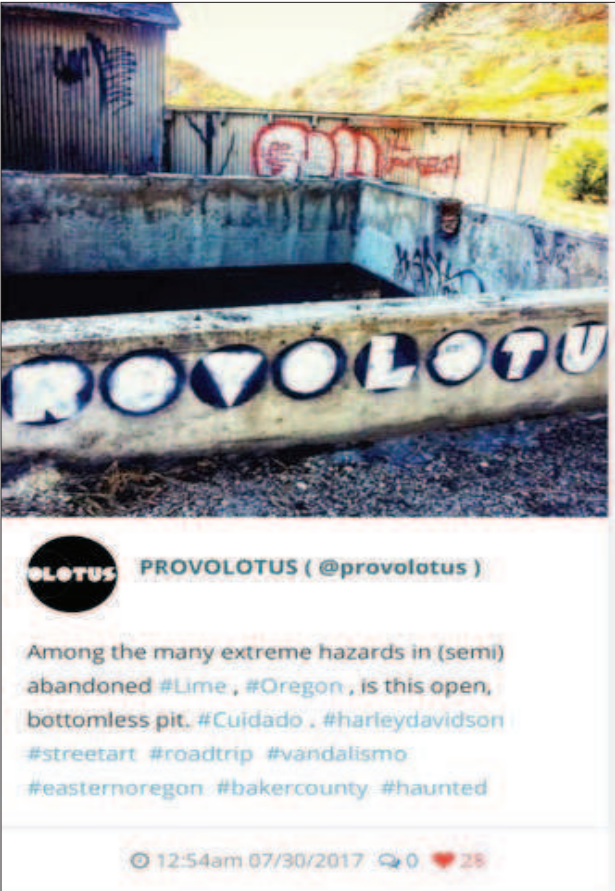
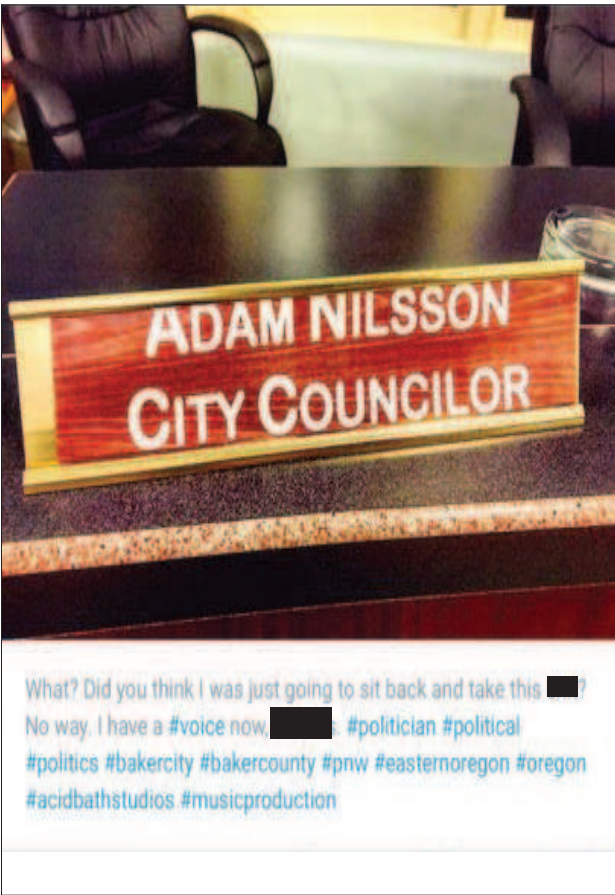


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Council member's social media activity shows graffiti affinity



Social media screen captures legally reprinted per United States Copyright Law Fair Use Doctrine for News Reporting. Four examples of dozens of social media posts under Council Member Adam Nilsson's public Instagram account, using his band's name, Provolotus, which is also his screen name. The top left photo shows Nilsson's reaction after being appointed to Baker City Council. The top right and bottom left photos document several prior trips to Lime and mocking local law enforcement. The final photo takes credit for graffiti found inside the Baker City underpass. Obscenities have been redacted for print.

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A look at publicly posted social media activity by embattled Baker Council member Adam Nilsson shows an extensive history of spray painting graffiti, or tagging, in multiple states—including several trips to Lime. On August 1 of this year, Nilsson, age 46 of Hillcrest Drive in Baker City, was cited with criminal trespass while in possession of a firearm, and second degree criminal mischief at the old Lime plant near Hunting-

ton. Nilsson's companion, Ashley Schroder, age 30 of Portland, was also cited with trespass. Sheriff Travis Ash said the citation happened while Deputy Gabe Maldonado was on evening patrol through the area, which lies just off I-84—an area that is part of that office's contract with the City of Huntington. The property is a mix of private- and County-owned lands, visibly marked with "No Trespassing" signs. During that patrol, the deputy spotted Nilsson's

motorcycle (pictured above) parked near the plant. Last week, information from law enforcement about the case was passed to District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff for review, and a search warrant was served at Nilsson's address as part of the ongoing investigation. A final list of charges has not yet been released. Following Nilsson's arrest, the Council member lodged a verbal complaint against the responding deputy, and then publicly carried those complaints

to media and other City Councilors via email. In that communication, Nilsson confirms both that he was at Lime and that he had spray cans of paint with him there on his motorcycle. Nilsson writes, "I am, of course, laser-focused on the fact that a crime was committed against me, and then I had violence and abuse done to me in order to try to create a false scenario where I am guilty of crimes worthy of jail. Jail. We are looking at jail time." SEE NILSSON PAGE 5

Woman jailed on murder charges



Photos courtesy of the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

Kira Vansickle.

• INFANT ASSAULTED IN 2014 PERISHES IN 2016, NEW CHARGES FILED

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Kira Vansickle, age 27 of Meridian, Idaho, is housed in the Baker County Jail on charges of Murder, Manslaughter in the First Degree and Assault in the First Degree, after turning herself in last Friday under an outstanding Baker County Circuit Court warrant. Vansickle was arraigned on those charges on Monday. In September of 2014, Vansickle, then a Baker City resident, was charged with assault and criminal mistreatment after her eight-month-old infant niece suffered severe abusive head injuries while in her care on Carter Street. The baby girl was Lifeflighted to Boise, then eventually transferred to South Davis Community Hospital in Bountiful, Utah with severe and permanent impairment. A Baker County Grand Jury had previously indicted Vansickle in June of 2015 for one count of Assault in the First Degree and one count of Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree. Those charges alleged the Vansickle had caused abusive the head trauma to the infant. In June of 2016 the child passed away leading to the new indictment. According to District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff, a death investigation was conducted by the Office of the Medical Examiner for Utah Department of Health. The Murder charge alleges that Vansickle caused the death of a child under the age of 14. Vansickle was held without bail. An entry of plea date was set for September 25, 2017.

Forests prepare for eclipse visitors

As the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse gets closer, forest officials on the Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests are preparing for a large influx of visitors to the area. While some visitors will arrive with previous camping experience, many visitors will be using public lands for the first time. The Forest Service and other agencies have been making preparations to help everyone enjoy the eclipse as safely as possible, while also protecting natural resources.

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Friday

Sunny and hot. Highs near 90. Friday Night: Mostly clear and seasonable. Lows near 50.

Saturday

Sunny and not as hot. Highs in the mid 80s. Saturday Night: Mostly clear and seasonable. Lows near 50.

Sunday

Mostly sunny and continued warm conditions. Highs in the mid 80s. Sunday Night: Mostly clear and seasonable. Lows in the upper 40s.

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