

# Local & Entertainment

## Man gets 60 days in elder abuse case

On August 22, 2017, in Baker County Circuit Court Judge Greg Baxter sentenced Kevin Bernardy (dob 08-17-1953) of 1681 10th St. Baker City, Oregon to 60 days in jail and five years of probation for felony Criminal Mistreatment.

This Criminal Mistreatment charge stemmed from Bernardy fraudulently using his elderly mother's bank card. A restitution hearing is set for November to determine how much restitution Bernardy owes his mother.

The investigation began in January of 2016 when the Baker City Police Department discovered that Bernardy used a power of attorney granted by his elderly mother to refinance her house.

Bernardy used the funds from the refinance exclusively for his benefit.

He also drained most of his mother's money from her bank accounts, again using it exclusively for his own benefit.

According to District Attorney, Matt Shirtcliff, "A person holding a power of attorney for another is a fiduciary. The person with the power of attorney must use the funds for the benefit of the person granting the power of attorney. By diverting his mother's money to himself Bernardy committed Criminal Mistreatment as well as other felonies."

Shirtcliff utilized the new Elder Abuse Unit created by Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum in this case. The unit was

created by the Attorney General in 2016 to combat the epidemic of elder abuse in Oregon. Dan Norris, former Malheur County District Attorney, is now the lead Assistant Attorney General in charge of this unit.

Norris prosecuted the case as a Special Deputy District Attorney for Baker County.

The elder abuse unit supplemented the work of the Baker City Police Department by providing forensic investigators to take an in depth look at Bernardy's accounts and the victim's accounts and to trace fund transfers.

This crime is not a Ballot Measure 11 crime carrying prison time but is governed by the sentencing guidelines.

## Nonlethal methods didn't work on wolves

ODFW has confirmed four livestock depredations by the Meacham Wolf Pack of Umatilla County this month, all to the same livestock producer in the same privately-owned pasture. This is despite substantial proactive non-lethal efforts to stop wolf-livestock conflict.

The producer has removed dead livestock carcasses from the property the same day they were discovered; monitored and removed animals that were weak or could be a target of wolves; employed a range rider five days per week to monitor the location of wolves in the pasture and maintain human presence; modified their normal husbandry practices by putting larger, more mature calves in the pasture; and delayed pasture turnout for 30 days so calves were larger and to give wolves more time to move out of the area.

Additionally, the producer has undertaken a speedy and expensive relocation of many of the cattle from

the pasture where wolves are depredating. ODFW received a lethal control request from the producer on Aug. 21, after the fourth confirmed depredation this month. (An additional two depredations occurred in August 2016 and September 2014.) The producer requested that the entire pack be killed but ODFW has decided to take an incremental approach instead.

At the request of a producer or permittee, ODFW can consider lethal control of wolves under these circumstances: if ODFW confirms at least two depredations of livestock; if the requester documents unsuccessful attempts to solve the situation through non-lethal means; if no identified circumstance exists that attracts wolf-livestock conflict; and if the requester has complied with applicable laws and the conditions of any harassment or take permit.

ODFW may kill the two wolves but the department will also provide the

producer with a limited duration Wolf Kill Permit. After the initial lethal take of two wolves, the situation will be monitored to determine if further depredations or testing/chasing of livestock occur and additional lethal control is needed.

"Oregon's wolf population continues to expand in both number and range," said Curt Melcher, ODFW Director. "While it's disheartening for some people to see ODFW killing wolves, our agency is called to manage wildlife in a manner consistent with other land uses, and to protect the social and economic interests of all Oregonians while it conserves gray wolves," Melcher added. "It's important that we address and limit wolf-livestock problems while also ensuring a healthy wolf population."

"I am authorizing only incremental take in an effort to take as few wolves as possible while still addressing wolf-livestock conflict," Melcher added.

## Bebe's word search

### Types of Fruit, 1

R	G	P	G	A	M	R	E	E	R	N	D	R	S	GRAPE
G	T	U	L	N	O	E	E	T	E	A	R	T	U	PLUM
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E	M	A	M	V	M	P	P	E	S	A	C	P	C	APPLE
M	S	I	P	A	A	Y	P	N	W	H	A	Y	E	ORANGE
O	M	T	G	E	T	A	A	B	N	A	G	E	L	PEAR
N	P	L	L	M	H	O	E	T	O	E	C	O	R	LEMON
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I	M	E	R	O	R	N	A	N	E	P	E	A	R	POMELO
M	O	A	M	Y	O	R	O	T	M	A	U	P	G	COCONUT
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## The Littles' crossword puzzle

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- Across**
- 1- Mmes., in Madrid;
  - 5- Winglike parts;
  - 9- Trod the boards;
  - 14- Maui dance;
  - 15- In a bad way;
  - 16- Like a smokestack;
  - 17- Summer coolers;
  - 18- Mall event;
  - 19- Trap;
  - 20- Large-leaved European elm;
  - 22- Hallowed;
  - 24- Brainstorms;
  - 26- Jargon suffix;
  - 27- English river;
  - 30- Erupt with hives;
  - 35- Muslim wise man;
  - 36- Israeli statesman Abba;
  - 37- Speaker of note;
  - 38- Flub;
  - 39- Between the bathyal and hadal zones;
  - 42- Variety;
  - 43- Like \_\_\_ not;
  - 45- Enlist again;
  - 46- Lyric poem;
  - 48- Kidney-shaped;
  - 50- Rope for leading an animal;
  - 51- Rebellious Turner;
  - 52- Military camp;
  - 54- Very long;
  - 58- Confident;
  - 62- Alpha's opposite;
  - 63- Sorry!;
  - 65- Uncommon;
  - 66- Polite;
  - 67- Complain;
  - 68- "Rule Britannia" composer;
  - 69- Furious;
  - 70- Fish-eating eagle;
- Down**
- 1- "Pygmalion" author;
  - 2- New York's Giuliani;
  - 3- Actor Baldwin;
  - 4- Japanese dish of raw fish;
  - 5- Bridal paths;
  - 6- South American ruminant;
  - 7- 100%;
  - 8- Stares at;
  - 9- Birthplace of St. Francis;
  - 10- Link;
  - 11- Perfectly;
  - 12- To be, in Toulouse;
  - 13- Colored;
  - 21- Tomato blight;
  - 23- Big name in insurance;
  - 25- Subjoin;
  - 27- His and her;
  - 28- Poker Flat chronicler;
  - 29- Ohio city;
  - 31- Coarse file, angry tone of voice;
  - 32- Running wild;
  - 33- São Paulo feature;
  - 34- Gravel ridge;
  - 36- Watchful one;
  - 40- Thin soup;
  - 41- Springs;
  - 44- Monetary unit of Malaysia;
  - 47- Of lung membranes;
  - 49- Femme \_\_\_;
  - 50- Pain in the neck;
  - 53- Golf gimme;
  - 54- Sites;
  - 55- Islamic chieftain;
  - 56- St. Petersburg's river;
  - 57- Long ago;
  - 59- \_\_\_ avis;
  - 60- Inventor Rubik;
  - 61- Poor grades;
  - 64- Lever for rowing;



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