

# Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: All factual information for "Blotter" is taken from official law enforcement sources. Anyone listed is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.)

## Tuesday, Aug. 20

\*Extra patrol was noted at 12:20 a.m. at Illinois Valley Swimming Pool.

\*At 1:14 a.m. in Selma, a Grants Pass car dealer repossessed a vehicle on Deer Creek Road.

\*Some fool spun "doughnuts" on the front lawn at Illinois Valley High School, it was noted at 2:31 a.m. in a case of criminal mischief II.

\*On W. River Street at 5:58 a.m. a possible problem at a residence, because of a blinking lot, turned out to be an electrical malfunction.

\*People in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy. had a disturbance at 10:06 a.m. in which a woman was said to have kicked a man in his stomach in front of a child. She left, and if either party had a problem they'd phone.

\*In the 9000 block of Takilma Road a resident wanted an adult son to leave and was fearful of violence. He left voluntarily, and the complainant was seeking a restraining order.

\*Following a complaint of obscene telephone calls to Waldo Road, the call was traced to O'Brien. A deputy contacted juvenile people and "a very disappointed parent," who was going to discipline the children.

\*Squatters with a flat tire were warned about leaving on S. Old Stage Road.

\*Some 12 to 15 young persons, believed to be teenagers, were drinking beer in Jubilee Park just before noon. They weren't located.

\*Marijuana plants out Happy Camp Road were seen from the air.

\*John T. Nottingham, 43, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct at 4:43 p.m. after someone phoned from a Downtown Cave Junction bar and "was repeating gibberish," ending the call by saying, "Your turn," and going into a restroom.

\*Someone phoned from out-of-state trying to reach their mother in Cave Junction. It was determined that she hadn't been seen in approximately 18 months.

## Wednesday, Aug. 21

\*People playing basketball at I.V. High School at 3 a.m. were contacted.

\*It was said that four people officially were evicted from Deer Creek Ranch.

\*Several reports of "marijuana fly" were logged.

\*Investigation was pending about a report that a man fondled himself in front of children at a Cave Junction location.

\*A suspect was in mind after graffiti was found on benches and walls at O'Brien Country Store.

\*Theft of a \$50 Oriental rug measuring 9-by-12 feet from a clothesline was reported on W. River Street.

\*Illegal entry and possible burglary were checked at Older Is Better in Selma.

\*After contact with a possibly disturbed woman at the south end of CJ, it was determined that she was not a danger to herself or others.

\*Jerrad L. Tucker, 19, was transported by a Mercy Flights helicopter from a landing zone at Deer Creek and Crooks Creek roads after a single-vehicle crash nearby. American Medical Response (AMR) and Illinois Valley Fire District responded initially.

\*Extra patrol was requested on Hogue Drive because of a "suspicious" car.

\*Deputies were advised of a possibly intoxicated truck driver "weaving all over" and speeding up and slowing down erratically, headed north from Selma.

\*Someone was advised of open hours at "Forks" State Park at 10:56 p.m.

\*Rebekah L. Watson, 23, was cited on a charge of driving 60 mph in a 40 mph zone on Redwood Hwy. in Kerby.

## Thursday, Aug. 22

\*At 2:06 a.m. in Downtown Cave Junction a motorist was provided directions to reach Takilma.

\*It appeared that a stove, valued at \$200 to \$400, was recovered after he interrupted a burglary on O'Brien Road, according to the owner.

\*A deputy had to drive to Oregon Caves National Monument after someone with nothing better to do dialed 911 and hung up. No problem was located.

\*A rural CJ resident said that a man struck her head five times with his fist.

\*Three bum checks totaling \$94.13 were reported by a Cave Junction store.

\*There was a report of a suspicious vehicle nine miles out Illinois River Road, whose occupants took off in a big hurry after someone asked them who they were seeking.

\*Possible stalking of a man by a woman was checked in Kerby.

\*It seemed that a distraught woman was slapping herself in Jubilee Park, although someone thought that a man was hitting her. Mental health advice was provided.

\*Extra patrol was requested again on Hogue Drive because of a "suspicious" car.

\*Theft involving packages delivered to an incorrect address in the 10000 block of Takilma Road was reported.

\*In Downtown Cave Junction an employee reported that a couple with alcohol on their breath had an unsecured newborn child on the front seat of their car.

\*People in the brush were heard at 9:10 p.m. near 1300 Illinois River Road.

## Friday, Aug. 23

\*Shortly before 1 a.m. on Shadowbrook Drive a resident reported an unknown woman who might have been intoxicated, who was screaming. She was taken to her mother's residence elsewhere in CJ.

\*An open door was found at Evergreen Elementary School at 1:08 a.m. An employee responded to lock it.

\*Three boys were contacted after what looked like attempted burglary at Dave's Outdoor Power Equipment at 1:11 a.m. The boys - 14, 15 and 16 - were warned about curfew, but apparently weren't the suspected burglars.

\*Someone riding a bicycle on Deer Creek Road at 4:03 a.m. was screaming.

\*After a deer was stuck by a motorist in the 4800 block of Dick George Road it had to be dispatched, and a road sign had to be replaced.

\*Seven horses were running loose on Redwood Hwy. at the Hay's Hill summit at 10:18 a.m. The owner corralled them.

\*While a person retrieved personal property from a residence on Hays Cut-Off, a deputy stood by.

\*After a domestic violence complaint from Kerby, the man left, and the woman was uncooperative.

\*When a young man went to a holding yard to obtain items from a towed vehicle, he said that he wouldn't pay the bill and then threatened to burn down the business. He was to be contacted, warned

and advised about his actions.

\*There was a complaint about juvenile people revving their engines and popping their clutches, thereby causing gravel to spew, on W. River Street at 1:02 p.m.

\*It was said that someone driving a Mustang without license plates swerved at a person and was being driven at a high rate of speed on W. River Street at 3:32 p.m.

\*No injuries were reported in a motor vehicle accident at 4:52 p.m. at Redwood Hwy. and E. River Street. Drivers were identified as Yvonne C. Lambirth, 51, who was warned about failure to yield; and Judi M. Taylor, 55.

\*Following a 911 hang-up call from Rockydale Road, a resident said that a child had been choking, but was OK.

\*In the 25000 block of Redwood Hwy. a woman was said to be flipping off people, screaming at traffic, and running onto the roadway. It was believed that she might be on drugs. When a deputy saw her carrying duffle bags, she dropped them and fled.

## Saturday, Aug. 24

\*When a deputy checked a car in Kerby at 12:33 a.m., a man ran. He was with another man wearing some sort of costume. A tow truck was on the way for their stuck vehicle.

\*A disturbance involving "about 100 subjects" was reported in the 9000 block of Takilma Road at 12:41 a.m. It was said that 10 people were fighting and that beer bottles were broken over people's heads. No one wanted to pursue charges, and denied breaking beer bottles.

\*Theft of a wallet containing \$150 cash, and stereo equipment valued at \$320 was reported in the 9000 block of Takilma Road.

\*A car that apparently crashed, but without anyone being injured, was seen in the 7000 block Deer Creek Road at 12:52 a.m.

\*Barking dogs were complained about by a resident on Martin Road, who was advised about misuse of 911 for non-emergencies.

\*"Employee error" caused a five-hits alarm at Caves Pharmacy at 8:41 a.m.

\*People had been seen hunting without permission the day before on his property in O'Brien, a man said.

\*There was some sort of complaint from Rockydale Road about a wanted man receiving SSI checks.

\*Loud noises were checked in the 900 block of Lakeshore Drive. A resident was advised that if it were determined that the noise came from his property that he would be cited.

\*After a 911 hang-up call from Palmer Street it was determined to have been made by a child, 3, playing with a telephone. He was counseled.

\*While his personal car was parked near the sheriff's office in Grants Pass, said a deputy, his \$375 GPS and \$15 case were stolen.

\*At Lake Selmac someone found a beverage container with freshly plucked marijuana leaves inside.

\*Vehicular hit-and-run was reported on a Downtown CJ parking lot.

\*Possible theft of prescription pills was checked on W. River Street, but it was indicated by a person said to be a possible suspect by the complainant that the latter lost them or took them, and didn't remember because of alcohol.

\*Someone driving a white vehicle was accused of driving too fast and nearly hitting 10 firefighters walking along Lakeshore Drive near Lake

Selmac Resort.

## Wednesday, Aug. 25

\*Matthew R. Barbosa, 20, was cited to appear on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol at 1:12 a.m. at Caves Hwy./Old Stage Road.

\*Some sort of fight was reported at 2:20 a.m. behind a Downtown CJ store. A deputy checked, but found no one.

\*There was a complaint from W. River Street at 2:37 a.m. that someone had been racing a car up and down the street for the past hour.

\*Extra patrol was logged at several valley locales.

\*Ne'er-do-wells turned over an outhouse and made holes in the #2 green at I.V. Golf Course, causing some \$300 worth of damage.

\*No crime was listed after a 2:10 p.m. incident in the 5000 block of Holland Loop involving someone who wanted to leave with the complainant's son.

\*No crime was listed after a 2:55 p.m. incident in the 5000 block of Holland Loop in which it was said that two women were yelling, tearing up a house and kicking items.

\*Merle L. Southard, 22, was arrested on a charge of burglary in connection with an incident on Pinecone Way. Charges of reckless endangering, animal abuse I, and criminal mischief I were to be referred to the D.A.'s office.

\*At 6:45 p.m. a man said he discovered people tearing metal off a building on Davis Creek Road, and that the property is for sale.

\*OSP was to be advised about a truck with a dangling chain that was causing sparks being driven through I.V.

\*In CJ a man voluntarily submitted to a peace officer's mental hold after suffering military flashbacks.

\*Barking dogs on O'Brien Road at 10:54 p.m. caused a woman some worry.

## Thursday, Aug. 26

\*David N. Shaw, 24, was cited on a charge of driving 77 mph in a 55 zone at Redwood Hwy. and Lakeshore Drive at 1:21 a.m.

\*Michael R. Luna, 24, was cited on a charge of driving without insurance, and failure to obey a traffic control device at Caves Hwy. and Old Stage Road at 1:41 a.m.

\*Michael Cassidy, 19, was cited on a charge of failure to obey a traffic control device at 1:53 a.m. at Redwood and Caves highways.

\*When a deputy checked a possible campfire out Eight Dollar Road at 2:49 a.m., it turned out to be a blinking construction light.

\*Two men wearing black clothing were said to be walking near Lakeshore Drive and Thompson Creek Road at 11:07 a.m., pointing guns at people driving by. A deputy responded rapidly, but the men weren't located.

\*A CJ resident complained that her son hadn't returned from another country, as promised by the father, and that she couldn't get a straight answer from the father.

\*After a boy, 13, was yelling and cussing at his mother in CJ, they worked it out, and all was under control.

\*Following a complaint of a sleepy truck driver, a deputy checked Redwood Hwy. in Selma, but found no truck.

\*Assistance was rendered in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy. in connection with a move-out order.

\*Reckless drivers were reported in the 100 block of Caves Hwy.

\*Because of an incident the day before, a Pinecone Way resident wanted people "trespassed," and they were.

\*In Selma a boy, 12, was being violent and beyond parental control, but then the situation was resolved.

\*It was said that a battery was taken from an abandoned car on Deer Creek Road.

\*It was unclear (to the editor) exactly who was cited on Deer Creek Road on a charge of theft III involving unlawful entry to a vehicle.

\*For some reason an alarm sounded at Oregon Caves Chevron at 11:06 p.m.

\*In Jubilee Park at 11:30 p.m. a woman, 38; and a man, 44, underwent field interviews.

## Friday, Aug. 27

\*"Employee error" caused an alarm at My Brother's Pub at 10:01 a.m.

\*A valley resident asked for extra patrol while he's on vacation.

\*Possible equipment malfunction was blamed for two panic alarms on Taurus Lane.

\*No problem could be found after a residential alarm on Ken Rose Lane.

\*The possibility of pursu-

ing sexual offense charges against a former husband toward a daughter was being considered by a valley family.

\*Help was rendered on W. River Street involving a man who needed mental aid.

\*Another alarm at the same place on Ken Rose Lane was attributed to wind.

\*People were said to be stripping a car near milepost seven of Deer Creek Road.

\*Theft of a handgun was reported in the 9000 block of Takilma Road.

\*ODF was to check on a suspicious bulldozer at 8:40 p.m. on S. Old Stage Road being used without lights. The complainant claimed that there already had been a fire.

\*There was an alarm at J&M Hobbies and Crafts at 10:34 p.m., but no problem was located.

\*Oregon National Guardsmen reported suspicious persons near 2000 Illinois River Road at 10:46 p.m., but a deputy was unable to locate anything suspicious in the area.



**HOLLAND LOOP CRASH** - Two vehicles were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Friday, Aug. 30 on W. Holland Loop, a short distance south of Caves Hwy. American Medical Response, I.V. Fire District, and law enforcement responded. Details were unavailable at the time of this issue.

## Substance abuse traffic accident fatalities down

Although each traffic fatality is a tragedy, there is some good news to report in terms of the big picture in Oregon.

The just-released traffic death toll for January through July 2002 indicates that the state's roadways are once again becoming safer for motorists.

"We have put the post-September fatality spike behind us," said Troy E. Costales, manager of the Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Safety Division.

"From September through early 2002, we saw an increase in substance abuse and driver distraction that led to a big increase in traffic fatalities," he said. "Data from the first seven months of this year indicates that we have returned to our record-low fatality rate of the past three years."

From Jan. 1 through July 31 there was a preliminary total of 254 fatalities on Oregon roadways, vs. 258 fatalities for the same period in 2001. By the end of 2001, a total of 488 people had lost their lives in traffic crashes, capping the first three-year period with under 500 fatalities since the early 1960s.

"Anything can happen, but based on historical data

for the remaining months of the year, I would project that we will end this year at somewhere around 450 fatalities," Costales said. "If we end up with fewer than 500 this year, we will have completed the best four-year run since 1959-1962 in terms of actual fatality count."

"That is astounding when you consider there are about four times as many cars on the road today as in 1962."

ODOT urges caution because the end of summer is one of the busiest travel months as families scramble to get vacations and other trips in before the start of school. The agency uses a regionally based program to cooperate with law enforcement and local groups in educating and informing the public about traffic safety issues.

The top three killers on the road are excessive speed, failure to wear safety restraints, and driving while impaired by alcohol or other drugs. Therefore, transportation officials urge all motorists to obey the posted speed, buckle up and avoid driving after consuming alcohol or other drugs.

For more information, visit the Transportation Safety Division Web site at: <http://www.odot.state.or.us/transafety/>.

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