

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Names, ages, addresses, incidents and charges are provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed in this report are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Saturday, Feb. 28

*A woman said her daughter took tools, a meteorite and a geode from her home in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*Intoxicated subjects on ATVs on private property were reported, and the complainant said that a shotgun was pointed at her son when he confronted them. A deputy determined the incident to be unfounded as menacing.

Sunday, Feb. 29

*A house in the 500 block of S. Junction Avenue had a large broken front window and appeared to be have been burgled at 2:14 p.m.

*While a man was attempting to remove his belongings from a woman's residence on Lakeshore Drive, they got into an argument, and he struck her head, she said.

*In the 1600 block of Lakeshore Drive, two young men standing for an extended time near a real estate "For Sale" sign aroused suspicions. They were gone when a deputy checked the area.

*A verbal dispute was reported on Stevenson Street at 8:09 p.m.

*Extra patrol was requested in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*A driver was given a warning for careless driving following a non-injury accident which damaged a guardrail on Deer Creek Road near Crooks Creek Road at 10:01 p.m.

Monday, March 1

*A driver was warned for illegal parking in the 300 block of E. River Street at 12:12 a.m.

*An intoxicated man walking down an alley fell, prompting an emergency call at 5:38 p.m.

*A man and woman were having a physical altercation behind a restaurant in the 100 block of N. Redwood Hwy. at 5:58 p.m. They were "discussing their relationship." The woman did not want to press charges. A consent search of their vehicle turned up nothing of interest.

*At 6:31 p.m. a deputy chased a speeding vehicle on Redwood Hwy. from

milepost 18 near Selma until losing sight of it in Kerby. The vehicle was said to be passing recklessly and endangering other motorists.

*Michael L. Romano, 38, was cited on a charge of speeding and warned for failure to register on Redwood Hwy. at Westside Road at 7:03 p.m.

*At 6:55 p.m. a woman complained of continuing unwanted contact with her ex-boyfriend. She was advised to call back if the man showed up again.

*Because of a continuing problem with vandalism, a woman wanted a strange pickup truck parked near the gate to a vacant house checked out. The vehicle was gone when a deputy arrived.

*Kristopher L. Kane, 27, was cited on a charge of driving uninsured on Caves Hwy. at 9:42 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2

*Zachary R. Brooks, 25, was cited and released on a charge of failure to appear for driving while suspended (DWS).

*A vehicle was reported off the road on Holland Loop at Caves Hwy. at 7:51 a.m.

*In the 27000 block of Redwood Hwy. a dispute between business partners turned physical and a woman tried to hit a man with a hammer, he claimed.

*A woman said items removed from her property in the last few weeks have been located at a neighbor's residence.

*As he was walking on Redwood Hwy., a woman drove right up behind him in such a way that he had to jump out of the way, a man said at 10:54 a.m.

*Not a traffic accident, but a washing machine falling out of the back of a truck, made a loud crashing sound in the 25000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 3:37 p.m.

*In the 33000 block of Redwood Hwy. a man said his neighbor had erected a fence 20 feet onto his property.

*Jeremy N. Hurst, 21, was cited to appear on charges of driving under the influence of an intoxicant (DUII) and misdemeanor DWS, following a single-vehicle traffic accident at 3:48 p.m. in the 700 block of Lakeshore Drive during which a utility pole was broken, power lines severed, and a telephone transfer box demolished.

*In the 36000 block of

Redwood Hwy. a dog had been hit by a car.

*The driver of a pickup truck was said to be driving erratically and passing other cars on the double yellows in the 23000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 5:27 p.m.

*A panic alarm sounded at a business in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. There was no apparent reason.

*Gunshots from an automatic weapon were heard in the 6000 block of Upper Deer Creek Road at 6:39 p.m.

*Another report of shooting with an automatic firearm was received from the 6000 block of Deer Creek Road at 6:43 p.m.

*Randy K. Lubin, 46, was arrested and cited to appear on a DUII charge.

*A man said his son filed a criminal mischief report about a man, and that he is now harassing and intimidating the boy.

*Because he felt he was not receiving proper care from his daughter/care-giver, a man in the 23000 block of Redwood Hwy. wanted to file documents with the sheriff's office.

*A dog was struck by a vehicle in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 9:42 p.m.

*Her boyfriend came into a bar and slapped her head, said an intoxicated woman at a business in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 10:33 p.m. She was given an incident number if she wanted to recontact the sheriff's office when sober.

Wednesday, March 3

*A single-vehicle accident was reported in the 32000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 12:24 p.m.

*Because he was unable to contact his mother by phone, a man requested a welfare check at her home on Lakeshore Drive at 6:21 a.m.

*In the 300 block of W. Lister Street, a locked vehicle was entered unlawfully. The culprit left behind a folding knife with a dragon on it.

*At Illinois River "Forks" State Park, some people were said to have been unlawfully camping there for three days.

*An ATM machine was damaged in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy.

*At a county gravel pit on Waldo Road, a man was told to remove the gravel from the back of his truck and not return.

*On Schumacher

Street, a woman said registration and insurance documents in a black wallet-like pouch were stolen from a vehicle.

*While in a market for "only a few minutes," a pickup truck with the keys in it was stolen, a man said at 11:01 a.m.

*Some people were reported behind Select Market yelling at each other. It was the owner of the stolen pickup truck venting his frustration.

*A single-vehicle accident occurred in the 36000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 11:58 a.m. ODOT was advised of a diesel spill, which may have contributed to the crash.

*In the 200 block of Caves Ave, a woman reported possible domestic violence in progress, because a man was yelling. It was owner of the stolen pickup truck, still venting.

*A three-vehicle accident involving a propane truck occurred on Redwood Hwy. at Pugetville Road at 12:27 p.m.

*Binoculars, a black pack with survival gear, a hunting knife and a large cleaver were reported stolen from a pickup truck in the 100 block of N. Boundary Avenue.

*In the 300 block of Junction Avenue, a woman said her ex-boyfriend had been threatening her.

*A chromed BMX bike valued at \$40 was reported stolen from Evergreen Elementary School.

*On Lone Mountain Road, Brent E. Benschoter, 33, was cited on a charges of switching license plates, DWS, and no liability insurance; warned for failure to maintain a lane, and the vehicle was impounded.



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Older drivers data outlined

During 2002, drivers 65 and older constituted 14.05 percent of all Oregon drivers, yet experienced 11.01 percent of total injury and fatal motor vehicle accidents.

In contrast, drivers 16 to 19 constituted 5.79 percent of all drivers, yet experienced 12.45 percent of all injury and fatal accidents, according to Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle

Services.

During 2002, 96 older Oregon drivers died in motor vehicle crashes, compared to 91 in 1992 — an increase of 5.49 percent during the 10-year period.

During the same period, overall traffic fatalities decreased 7.43 percent, from 471 in 1992 to 436 in 2002, said the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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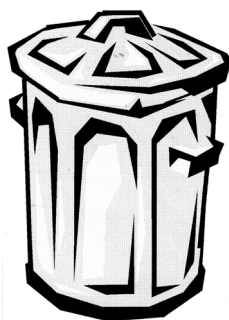
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