

Two of three suspects in Kerby home invasion arrested

Updated information about a home invasion by armed, masked men in Kerby reveals that two victims were injured, and that two suspects have been arrested while a third still is being sought, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office.

In county jail on charges of first-degree robbery and first-degree assault

are Cary L. Culp, 22, of Birch Drive in rural Cave Junction; and Brent L. McCaslin, 21, a city of Cave Junction resident.

The third suspect hasn't been apprehended, said Sheriff Gil Gilbertson. All three suspects wore black ski masks, he said.

Injured in the early morning incident on School

Street were Richard H. Schaller, 57; and his son, Richard Schaller Jr., 25, the elder Schaller reportedly suffered serious injuries, but the extent of his son's injuries was unclear.

New information, based on a court affidavit, indicates that the victims were restrained with plastic "handcuffs" known as "zip

ties." Reasons for the home invasion haven't come out yet.

A 1999 four-door Buick Century was stolen during the incident. Its Oregon license plate is YNJ 041.

There are no indications that the younger Schaller's wife or their three young children were harmed.

Investigation is continuing, said JCSO.

Merlin resident's wife dead at scene of two-car traffic crash

A Merlin woman was dead at the scene of a traffic accident on Galice Road, and her husband, and two persons in another vehicle, all from Merlin, were injured Friday, March 16, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO).

The crash occurred at approximately 9 a.m. at the

intersection of Galice Road and Azalea Drive.

Pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel was Sara Elizabeth Rowen, 87. Her husband, James Alan Rowen, 88, was taken by Mercy Flights medical evacuation helicopter to Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford. He was re-

ported in serious, but stable, condition.

He was driving a Honda Accord, and turned in front of a Ford Bronco driven by Frederick G. Sharp, 59, said JCSO. He was taken by American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance to Three Rivers Community Hospital (TRCH) in Grants

Pass. He was reported in fair/stable condition.

His passenger, identified as Jason A. Sharp, 21, also was transported by AMR to TRCH. He was treated for minor injuries and released, said JCSO.

Investigation into the crash continues, according to JCSO.

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of joy you must have somebody to divide it with. - Mark Twain

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Thursday, March 8

\*Someone driving a loud pickup truck was thought by a Holland Loop resident to have stolen her trash can overnight.

\*A concerned relative of a person said to be under the influence of a meth-derivative, called "Shards," phoned for help locating the "combative ... suicidal and homicidal" person.

\*A "seemingly disoriented man" wearing two pairs of pants, (one around his ankles), was carrying a box as he walked on Holland Loop at 9:16 a.m.

\*On Arrowhead Drive a blue vehicle was found with its four doors wide open and no one near it.

\*Pauline Annette Long, 48, was cited on a charge of driving under the influence of an intoxicant, and warned about harassing behavior and trespassing after a complaint from a Millie Street resident.

\*Both the driver and passenger of a two-tone four-door Buick were reported to have open containers of alcohol as they drove recklessly around the parking lot of Ray's Food Place in Selma at 6:45 p.m.

\*A 24-year-old man said to be using a drug made from meth was said to be screaming and yelling on a parking lot in Downtown Cave Junction. It also was said that he'd threatened to kill the person who notified the caller.

Friday, March 9

\*Prescription medications were reported stolen from a countertop basket at Pharmacy Express at 10:39 a.m. Subsequently, Christopher J. Alexander, 44, was cited on a charge of second-degree theft, driving with a suspended license (DWS), and expired vehicle registration.

\*Although she denied having it, a man on W. Stevenson Street said that a neighbor had his 4-month-old puppy. Eventually, she admitted it and returned the dog.

\*A caller from Caves Pharmacy asked that a scruffy-looking man who'd

intoxicated himself on cough syrup be told to leave, as he was not going to be allowed to buy more.

\*Said to have been stumbling around and sitting on S. Redwood Hwy. in Downtown Cave Junction, William Harris Woodruff, 74, was transported to Three Rivers Community Hospital on a peace officer's mental hold.

\*Three bursts of automatic weapon fire were heard in the 5000 block of Caves Hwy. at 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

\*The very angry owner of a stolen vehicle wanted a deputy, as he was going to recover it himself from where it was parked in the 200 block of N. Redwood Hwy.

\*Just after 1 p.m. a man said that he was following his stolen vehicle southbound on Rockydale Road. The driver of the stolen car abandoned the vehicle in the vicinity of Rain-tree Lane, where it was later recovered.

\*A tubful of Labrador puppies was left beside a commercial building in Selma. Animal Control took custody of the animals, and information about the possible culprit obtained.

Sunday, March 11

\*At 12:30 a.m. on Rockydale Road a man known for odd behavior was strongly advised to not wander onto the roadway.

\*Some young people were warned about their behavior after they climbed to the roof of Evergreen Elementary School to retrieve a shoe one had thrown.

\*A Dick George Road resident corralled a horse and pony which "just showed up" at his house. He left information should the owner call asking after them.

\*Joshua Ray Pool, 24, was lodged in Josephine County Jail on charges of third-degree sodomy, third-degree rape, third-degree sexual abuse and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor.

\*Following a report of two highly intoxicated women traveling on Redwood Hwy. in a stolen red car, deputies contacted the pair at O'Brien Country Store. One was said under the influence of an "unknown substance," and transported to Three Rivers Community Hospital. Zondra Luanne Tift, 37, was arrested under an OSP warrant.

\*A man reported having been assaulted by two others in the 200 block of N. Redwood Hwy. at 9 p.m. because "he is friends" with one of his assailants' girlfriend.

Monday, March 12

\*A woman on Fir Drive was warned about tampering with mailboxes, but she denied involvement.

\*A woman reported increasingly vulgar, harassing phone calls from a man who got her phone number from a flyer posted last fall.

\*Two "very large" pit bulls were running loose on Glendon Road, a caller said.

Tuesday, March 13

\*Some form of disturbance was reported on School Street in Kerby.

\*Saddles were reported

stolen from a warehouse on Holland Loop at 1 p.m.

\*A birthday card was reported stolen from a Thompson Creek Road mailbox.

\*On Holton Creek Road a stolen vehicle was recovered at 3 p.m.

\*A Cave Junction woman reported a pair of strange occurrences involving the same vehicle, leading her to believe that she was being stalked.

\*In Selma a horrified caller reported that a man was dragging a dog behind his vehicle. The man explained that he had been trying to get the dog (who did not appear injured) to return home. There was said to be a female dog up the road the animal was determined to visit.

\*An abandoned vehicle in the 6000 block of Deer Creek Road was noted for the Patrol Division.

\*A man on Wells Drive wearing two pairs of pants, one down around his ankles, was found to have rocks in his pockets and a knife on his person. His behavior and odd appearance prompted a concerned call at 6:40 p.m.

\*It appeared that a residence in the 800 block of Caves Hwy. was burglarized.

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2 GP transients stabbed; murder attempt logged

Two transients in the city of Grants Pass were attacked by a man with two knives, and the suspect is wanted on two counts of attempted murder, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDS).

The incident, which occurred near 144 N.E. Terry Drive off Grants Pass Parkway, was reported Saturday, March 17 at 4:30 p.m.

The suspect is Kenneth G. Snow Jr., 42, known as "Dirk," and he also is believed to be a transient. He was riding a blue mountain bicycle with forward handle rest extensions. He was carrying a blue backpack and hat.

He was wearing a plain sleeveless gray T-shirt, blue jeans, dark-colored shoes, and a black baseball cap with white writing in a circular pattern on the front.

The suspect is 5-7 and weighs 160 pounds. He has brown hair, with a full, bushy and distinctive dark mustache and beard. He has arm and chest tattoos including a swastika on his chest surrounded by the words "Weiss Macht" (White Power).

GPDS added that the suspect and the two victims were involved in a dispute, and that he attacked them.

He first attacked Joseph M. Sturges, 46, stabbing him once in his heart. As Sturges fell, the suspect attacked Joseph M. Spruitenburg, 47. He sliced him once on his left arm, and then stabbed his sternum.

Sturges was in critical condition at Three Rivers Community Hospital with a punctured lung and two holes in his heart, said GPDS. His companion was treated and released.

Newport U.S. Marine honored

Flags at public institutions were flown at half-staff on Friday, March 16 in memory of U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Nathan Windsor, of Newport, by

order of Gov. Kulongoski. Windsor, 20, died Saturday, March 10, 2007 in Anbar Province, Iraq. He graduated from Newport High School in 2005.

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If you can't change your fate, change your attitude. - Amy Tan -

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