

Two charged in hold-ups at GP banks

Grants Pass Police have arrested a man and a woman, both Grants Pass residents, in connection with hold-ups at two city banks.

John Edward Perdue, 50, and Leslie Kim Vanblericorn, 49, were placed in Josephine County Jail.

Perdue is charged with third-degree robbery and first-degree theft in connection with a Dec. 7 incident at U.S. Bank; and the same charges in connection with a Jan. 14 hold-up at Bank of the Cascades. He also is charged with parole violation/second-degree escape, and possession of a controlled substance (PCS)/methamphetamine.

Vanblericorn is charged with third-degree robbery and first-degree theft in connection with the case at Bank of the Cascades.

Three persons at her residence when she was arrested also were charged. All Grants Pass residents, they were identified as:

Carrie Lynn Martin, 47, charged with two counts of tampering with evidence, PCS/meth, endangering the welfare of a minor, and probation violation (PCS).

Sheila Louise Schreiber, 28, cited under a warrant charging failure to appear on a charge of PCS.

Everett Elwood Allison, 53, charged with carrying a concealed weapon/firearm. The charge will be referred to the district attorney.



A 2008 Harley Davidson Low Rider motorcycle will be raffled by Illinois Valley Lions Club at the conclusion of this year's Labor Day Festival. Steve Lyons helped unload the copper-colored bike, which is inside Taylor's Country Store. Tickets are available at the store. (I.V. News photo)

IRVAC's Winter Gala set Feb. 24

Winter Gala, the fifth annual fund-raiser for its art education programs, will be held Sunday, Feb. 24 by Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC).

The event will be held at Deer Creek Center on Illinois River Road in Selma. There will be live music, food by Kate Dwyer Catering, and a no-host bar featuring Foris Vineyards wine.

There also will be silent and live auctions.

IRVAC's programs include Second Friday Art Walks in Downtown Cave Junction, and the award-winning Learning Through Art enrichment program for Illinois Valley schools.

Advance, discount tickets are available at Evergreen Federal Bank in Cave Junction, and the main branch in Grant Pass. Or mail checks for tickets at \$7.50 each to IRVAC, P.O. Box 522, Cave Junction OR 97523.

JoCo jail set record 5,808 bookings in '07

Josephine County Jail set a new record during 2007, with 5,808 inmates being booked.

"This is the highest number in the history of our (new) jail, which opened in 2000," said Sheriff Gil Gilbertson, who has been the county's top law enforcement officer since the beginning of '07.

"A remarkable point about the new record is that it was accomplished with fewer employees," said Gilbertson. "This does not come without additional sacrifice and true dedication, however. The employees are working mandatory overtime due to days off, vacations, training and/or injuries.

"We are also experiencing more inmates posting bond to get out of jail. The average cost of a fail-to-appear warrant (FTA) is approximately \$800 each. We served 3,100 last year at a cost of \$2.4 million.

"This money was unseen and slipped away without notice. Due to a change in our

jail policy, we are seeing fewer FTAs -- which means a tremendous savings. Although you will not see a direct impact on county funding, as FTA charges come from a variety of sources, the entire legal system will ultimately benefit from this

trend."

The sheriff added that the "revolving door policy" also has changed.

"During 2006," he said, some 1,375 inmates were released because of overcrowding. In 2007, that number decreased to only 789."

Bake Sale

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Tales from the Police Blotter

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Friday, Jan. 18

*Methamphetamine and paraphernalia, plus credit cards and other forms of ID not belonging to those present, were found in a vehicle wrecked on Old Stage Road following the driver's attempt to elude police through Cave Junction at 12:44 a.m. The male driver fled on foot, and a female passenger was treated and released. A report of felony eluding, reckless driving and endangerment and possession of a controlled substance (PCS) was to follow.

*A bald man with a camera was reportedly seen peering through a window of a Floyd Lane residence last week.

*A window was smashed and some \$300 worth of fuel was stolen from a rental van at the north end of Cave Junction.

*Unknown persons damaged a mailbox on Rockydale Road, a man said, resulting in \$80 damage.

*On Caves Avenue a woman reported that a gas line was disrupted due to an act of criminal mischief.

*A man complained of having been pushed down and kicked by a group of young men on S. Redwood Hwy. in CJ around 8:30 p.m.

*A Caves Hwy. driver was warned for a defective driver's side-door. It might have been the one reported earlier that flew open whenever the vehicle turned right.

*Four pickup trucks were reported tearing up and down Deer Creek Road around 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19

*Adam Jason Smith, 24, was cited on a charge of speeding (80 in a 55 mph zone) on Redwood Hwy. at

Draper Valley Road at 12:18 a.m.

*Charles Lee Greninger, 53, was lodged in Josephine County Jail on a charge of fourth-degree domestic assault and strangulation following a reported incident on Schumacher Street.

*Houseguests were thought to have removed a DVD player from a residence on S. Kerby Avenue.

*Schumacher Street residents wanted an intoxicated male warned for his threatening behavior. He was said to be racing around on a dirt-bike without lights. Two persons were contacted and a dog held at gunpoint for a time during the investigation.

Sunday, Jan. 20

*Apparently not much happened, as it was the birthday of Cave Junction resident Bob Rodriguez, and the day before the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Monday, Jan. 21

*Unknown persons (except to God) were said to pound on the rectory door at St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church at all hours.

*Two tires were reported slashed on a pickup truck parked at a Shadowbrook Drive residence.

*A Dogwood Lane resi-

dent reported theft of a chainsaw from his garage.

*Extra patrol was requested near a Draper Valley Road property where it was thought someone was stealing wood.

*Dennis R. Drain, 56, was cited on a charge of speeding (73 in a 55) at milepost 31 of Redwood Hwy.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

*Parts had been stolen from a rented water trailer left for a time at a Westside Road address.

*Callers said that someone was illegally cutting wood on property in the 8000 block of Takilma Road.

*Neil F. White, 56, was cited on a charge of criminal trespassing in front of the Josephine County Bldg. at 6:08 p.m. He was taken to Grants Pass and released.

*A man reported he discovered his checkbook had been stolen after someone tried to cash one of the checks at a Cave Junction store and an employee refused it.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

*On Reagor Lane a man was found to have suffered a blow to his head. A report regarding first-degree burglary, second-degree assault and second-degree theft was to follow

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I.V. Youth Soccer Club

Spring Sign-ups

Saturday, Feb. 2
Saturday, Feb. 9
10-2 p.m.
Shop Smart



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Country Breakfast

I.V. Senior Center
520 E. River St.
Saturday, Feb. 2
8 to 11 a.m.

* Biscuits & Gravy * Pancakes
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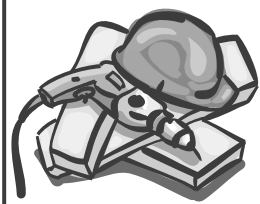


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