

Suspect in Grants Pass kidnapping jailed on seven charges

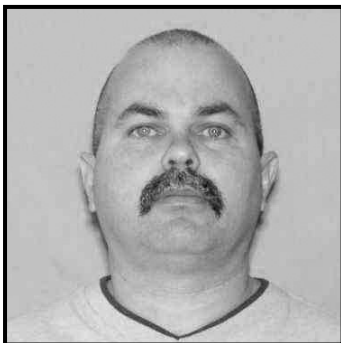
A man believed to be armed and dangerous, and wanted since an April 15 kidnapping of a Grants Pass-area woman, followed by another alleged kidnapping Tuesday, April 22 of the same woman, was arrested on the 22nd.

In the second incident, the suspect, Robert Alan Bufanda, 49, address unknown, entered a Grants Pass residence armed with a knife and a flammable substance, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS). He threat-

ened to burn the residence and its four occupants.

He then left with Lisa Marie Melville, 43, and stole a pickup truck, said GPDPS. With the aid of civilians, the truck was found at the end of Pinnon Drive on the west side of Grants Pass. OSP troopers and Josephine County Sheriff's Office deputies found the suspect and the victim.

Bufanda was arrested at approximately 4:30 p.m. in a wooded area off Pinnon Road, said GPDPS. He was found



Robert Alan Bufanda
(Photo provided by OSP)

near where a stolen 2001 Ford Ranger Edge pickup truck was located unoccupied. Melville

was reported to be uninjured.

Bufanda was lodged in county jail on charges of first-degree kidnap, second-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, two counts of menacing, and violation of post-prison supervision.

He had been sought by police agencies since April 15 after he kidnapped and threatened Melville, said OSP and GPDPS. The victim was able to escape the first kidnap attempt.

OHSU unit gains pain fame

The Pediatric Pain Management Center at OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital is one of only six clinical centers nationwide to be named a Center of Excellence in Pain Management by the America Pain Society (APS).

Pain centers from every part of the country with excellent performance in relieving suffering and restoring everyday function to patients with persistent pain applied for this year's award, according to the APS.

The award honors pain-care teams for delivering optimal and exemplary care for those with myriad chronic-pain disorders, post-surgical pain, trauma-induced pain, and pain from cancer and other life-threatening conditions.



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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.)
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Friday, April 18

*At 7:47 a.m. Crystal Robinson, 25, was cited on Watkins Street on a charge of expired registration.

*Michael George Young, 43, was warned for excessive speed and cited on a charge of driving with a suspended license (DWS) on Redwood Hwy. at River Street at 8:35 a.m. He also was cited on a Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety warrant charging negotiating a bad check, and third- and second-degree theft. Young's vehicle was impounded.

*On N. Old Stage Road a driver was warned for failure to display tags. It appeared that someone had tried to steal the rear tag from her automobile.

*Tanja Lea Nicolas, 31, was cited on a charge of driving uninsured and warned about lack of an operator's permit on N. Redwood Hwy. at 10 a.m.

*In the 100 block of

Deer Creek Road, Deborah Michalene Almond, 53, was cited on a charge of DWS, and warned for expired tags and driving without insurance.

*Victoria Jean Pope, 37, was cited on a charge of driving without insurance on Redwood Hwy. in Kerby at 1:57 p.m.

*Three or four drunken persons were loitering around a Downtown Cave Junction restaurant, urinating publicly and cussing, the manager complained. When contacted, Jeremy Justin Beck, 28, was cited on a warrant charging third-degree theft. All were "trespassed" from the property.

*No good reason was discovered for an alarm at Selma Post Office at 6:02 p.m.

*Two travel trailers and a motorhome were reported stolen from a property in the 37000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*A caller reported theft of an aluminum case containing microphones and other equipment as he was moving items to his vehicle at 8:37 p.m.

*Several drivers were warned for defective equipment this evening.

Saturday, April 19

*Reportedly causing a disturbance at Jubilee Park around 6:15 p.m., Jade Charleton Yandell, 18, was cited on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol after he admitted to consuming cans of beer and showed signs of intoxication.

*A father was advised of his civil options after reporting that his ex-wife had not returned their children to him in Downtown CJ as scheduled.

*Jennifer Marie Joy, 32, was lodged in Josephine County Jail on charges of fourth-degree domestic assault, domestic menacing and interfering with a 911 call.

*A man who in Downtown CJ reportedly grabbed a woman's buttocks and told her that he hadn't had intercourse in days was sternly warned about his behavior.

*Kristina Marie Wilson Warner, 18, was cited on a charge of DWS on Laurel Road at 10:13 p.m. Her vehi-

cle was impounded.

*A man reported his bicycle stolen from the front of a Downtown CJ store as he was buying a beer at 10:21 p.m.

Sunday, April 20

*Daniel O. Stein, 43, was cited on a charge of DWS and warned about defective tail lights on Holland Loop at Takilma Road at 12:04 a.m.

Monday, April 21

*A vehicle was found crashed into a utility pole in the 1300 block of Caves Hwy. at 7:49 a.m. No one was around the vehicle, and the pole appeared undamaged.

*A woman requested deputy assistance because someone was threatening to leave town with all her belongings and kill her. She later phoned back to say that the person had left the state, and, "Thanks for nothing."

*Jason Andrew Bergstad, 33, was cited on a charge of fourth-degree assault after chasing a 15-year-old boy near I.V. Fire District Station 1 on Caves Hwy. at 1:51 p.m.

*Valley residents said that a Rockydale Road woman was threatening their step-son because she claimed he'd stolen a pound of her medical marijuana.

*A great many dogs living on O'Brien Road were complained about by an upset neighbor, who was advised to contact Animal Control.

*Two deputies rendered assistance to I.V. Fire District in the 3000 block of Dick George Road as a result of a smoking stove.

*Two men stopping traffic in Downtown CJ were warned for disorderly conduct at 7:52 p.m.

*Found intoxicated, and sleeping inside CJ Post Office at 9:55 p.m., an uncooperative Leslie Roy Jansson, 51, was lodged in Josephine County Jail on a charge of probation violation. Also lodged was Travis Donald Makie, 35, who was cited on a warrant charging failure to appear (FTA) on an original charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, April 22

*In the 36000 block of Redwood Hwy. a property line dispute prompted one person to erect metal signs with spray-painted vulgarities

IVHS Activities Calendar

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FRIDAY, MAY 2

* Farmer to OMSI in Portland 6:30 a.m.

* Girls golf to Grants Pass CC noon

SATURDAY, MAY 3

* Girls softball @ Phoenix varsity: noon and 2 p.m.

* Boys baseball vs. Phoenix varsity: noon and 2 p.m.

* Track co-ed team @ North Valley duel at St. Mary's 4 p.m.

* Fogg taking FFA to HVHS 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 5

* Teacher Appreciation Week

* Valenzuela's 3rd period 10:30 a.m. (Kerbyville)

* Girls golf to Stone Ridge 11 a.m.

* Boys golf to Running Y noon (districts)

TUESDAY, MAY 6

* AP Spanish test 8 a.m.

* Valenzuela's 3rd period 10:30 a.m. (Kerbyville Museum)

* Girls golf to Shield Crest GC 11 a.m.

* Boys golf to Centennial GC noon

* Girls softball @ Henley varsity: 4:30 p.m.

* Boys baseball vs. Henley varsity: 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

* AP Calculus test 8 a.m.

* Gear Up to SOU 8 a.m.

* Valenzuela's 3rd period 10:30 a.m. (Deer Creek Center)

* Band to LBMS 2:40 p.m.

* Booster Club meeting 6 p.m. (cafeteria)

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Coming Events

Mothers' Day Brunch

Sunday, May 11

10 'til 2

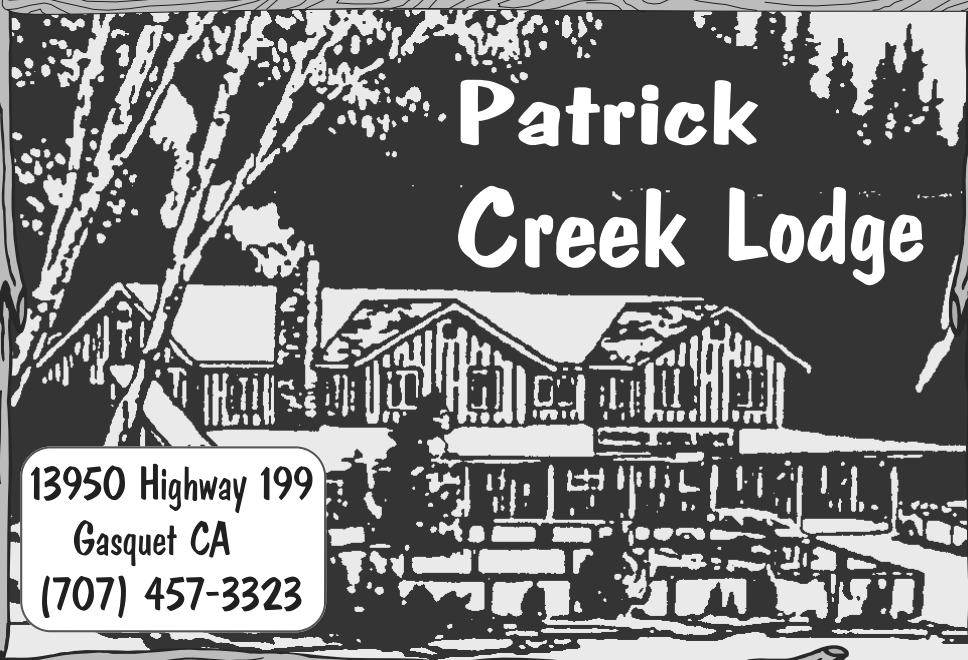
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Creek-side Barbecue

Saturday, May 17

11 'til 2

Beginning Thursday, May 1 Open Seven Days



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