

Judy's Brown Barn Laundry equipment missing

Efforts to clean up Cave Junction have hit another roadblock with the somewhat mysterious disappearance of 40 washers and dryers.

Judy Thomas turned her key in the lock of Judy's Brown Barn Laundry on Sunday, July 27, and found only a blue tarp inside.

Approximately 40 commercial washers and dryers had been removed from 120 S. Hussey Ave. overnight. Nothing was broken to gain entry, but the building was gutted, right down to the clock on the wall.

Thomas' daughter, who lived in an apartment upstairs, was away for the weekend.

Josephine County Sheriff's Office was telephoned on Sunday, and was to respond sometime after 6 p.m. Monday. Surveillance videotapes from Art's Red Garter Steak House & Saloon possibly could provide clues.

Thomas is worried for her community members, who depend on the Brown Barn for laundry and shower facilities.

"I would tell the street people to come in and take a shower, I was sick of smell-

ing them. They thought I was a mean woman," said the spunky citizen.

Thomas, known to many from her waitress days at the former Boarding House Reach Restaurant (now Country Folks restaurant in Selma), has been leasing the laundry for nearly a year. Her main concern now is returning clothing to her customers.

She made some deliveries on Monday, July 28, and is requesting that customers phone her at 597-2095 to make arrangements to get their clean laundry.

~Zina Booth

Troopers snag 14 pounds of pot; arrest three

An Oregon State Police traffic stop last week led to the arrest of three people and seizure of approximately 14 pounds of marijuana on Interstate 5 near Ashland.

On July 21 at approximately 8:15 a.m. OSP troopers from the Central Point Area Command office stopped a 2003 Dodge Neon with Oregon license plates for a traffic violation on I-5 near milepost 11. The two occupants were identified as the driver, Estella Lopez, 48; and a passenger, Jaime Hernandez, 37, both from Fort Bragg, Calif.

Subsequent investigation



led to troopers finding approximately 14 pounds of marijuana in the car. OSP estimated the value at \$60,000.

Additional information led to the stop of an associated vehicle occupied by the driver, Cesar Hernandez Omelas, 20, from Beaverton, Ore., and his passenger, Jaime Hernandez Rico, 33, from Burlington, Wash.

Troopers arrested and lodged three of the four people in Jackson County Jail:

Lopez was arrested on

charges of unlawful possession and delivery of a controlled substance/marijuana. Omelas and Rico were arrested on charges of unlawful manufacturing, possession, and delivery of a controlled substance/marijuana.

The fourth person, Hernandez Omelas, was cited and released on charges of unlawful possession and distribution of a controlled substance/marijuana. Investigation is continuing, OSP said.

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, July 17

*Gerald Batty, 48, was arrested on charges of felony and misdemeanor attempting to elude, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and interfering with a police animal following a pursuit in O'Brien at 12:43 a.m. resulting in Batty crashing a motorcycle on Naeue Way. Deputies seized \$11,500 cash and a little more than a pound of methamphetamine.

*On Deer Creek Road a woman said that someone came onto her property and cut a hose leading to a cow waterer.

*Theft of a bicycle from a location at the far end of Takilma Road was reported.

*A 17-year-old person in O'Brien was called "beyond parental control" at 6:22 p.m.

Friday, July 18

*Noisy neighbors on Dogwood Lane were reported at 1:25 a.m.

*A Forest Creek Road resident reported theft of three weed whackers, two Stihl chainsaws, one gas-powered auger, a leaf blower, a compressor and a generator. The loss was estimated at \$4,600.

*Responding to Jubilee Park, a Josephine County Sheriff's Office deputy disposed of a needle found in a restroom.

*In Downtown Cave Junction, an "extremely intoxicated" man and his two remaining cans of beer were given a courtesy ride from the parking lot behind the Josephine County Bldg., where he had been passed out.

*An "intoxicated" woman was said to be acting belligerently in the 900 block of Caves Hwy. at 3:28 p.m. She departed, leaving her possessions behind.

*On Holland Loop a man reported that his red Angus bull had gone missing.

*Around 8 p.m. a woman

on Dick George Road reported that her neighbor had been assaulted.

*At 10:38 p.m. a caller stated that a bicyclist, apparently intoxicated, fell into a ditch on S. Old Stage Road. The man was last seen traveling by foot to a relative's house.

Saturday, July 19

*Irate about noise from the operation of off-road bikes at 2:06 a.m., a Dogwood Lane resident threatened to fire his gun into the air. He was advised to not pull the trigger.

*A migraine sufferer complained that his neighbor "is always making noise." The caller was asleep when a deputy arrived.

*Robin Elizabeth Sliger, 48, was cited on charges of second- and third-degree criminal trespassing after a bottle-slinging disturbance in the 700 block of Caves Hwy.

*Someone was operating a motorboat at Bolan Lake, where motorized craft are forbidden. A marine deputy was notified.

*At Bolan Lake Campground three young men were said to be threatening, disorderly and big pains.

Sunday, July 20

*Following an altercation on Caves Avenue a man was taken to his residence and told to stay there.

*Three people she knew walked into her residence and threatened to fight her, a young caller said.

*In Selma a woman was concerned that someone nearby was not shooting safely.

Monday, July 21

*Suspicious activity around mailboxes on Airport Drive was complained about.

*A laptop computer and digital camera were reported stolen from a McMullen Creek Drive residence.

*Someone thought to be involved in a string of recent burglaries was in a vehicle on her driveway, a Hogue Drive resident said at 8:15 p.m.

*Jewelry and tanning lotions were reported stolen from a Downtown Cave Junction business.

*Advised to phone the

nonemergency line to make a noise complaint, a Westside Road caller said that "something bad is gonna happen" if no one responded.

*In the 5000 block of Westside Road at 10:21 p.m., a caller said that his neighbors were throwing large objects at his house. He was warned for misuse of 911 and his neighbors, Michael William Scott, 44; and Rachael Dawn Lawson, 34, each were cited on a charge of violation of the county noise ordinance.

Tuesday, July 22

*An anonymous caller claimed that under-age persons were drinking alcoholic beverages at Pomeroy Dam at 2 a.m.

*It was reported that a woman was disorderly and causing problems for a probation officer at the Josephine County Bldg. at 11:13 a.m.

*Theft of an air compressor from Rough & Ready Lumber Co. was reported.

*In Cave Junction a father said that his neighbor's 7-year-old child pointed a .BB gun at his 7-year-old, and he wanted it noted.

*Several persons were reported drinking alcohol in public in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 10:32 a.m.

*On Hogue Drive a woman reported that her son threw a rock through a window and he was generally out of control. She wanted him and his friends to be gone for the night.

*An emotionally disturbed individual was reported standing in the roadway in the 28000 block of Redwood Hwy. and making obscene gestures at 8:37 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23

*A vehicle was located on its side in an open ditch on W. Watkins Street at 1:27 a.m. How it got there or who was involved remained a mystery.

*A June Drive resident said that two men were pounding on his door at 3:28 a.m., demanding to be let in. Charges of menacing and criminal mischief were referred to the district attorney.

*Detained while deputies were responding to the incident above, Jesse Swift, 18, was cited on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.

*A business owner asked that several vagrants be "trespassed" from a location in the 200 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 9:26 a.m.

*Christopher James Du-long, 35, was arrested at Illinois River "Forks" State Park at 3:08 p.m. on a warrant charging perjury.

*An ice chest, two fish-

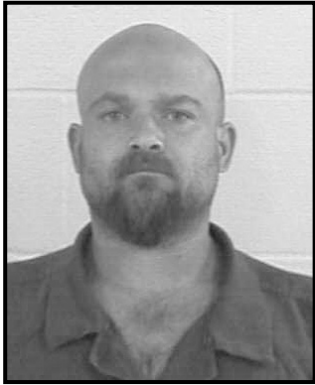
ing poles, sunglasses and a cell phone were reported stolen from a campsite near Six Mile Campground.

*Annoying people in a small, dirty pickup truck were said to be exhibiting road rage on Deer Creek Road at 11:05 p.m.

*Two men were reportedly assaulted in Downtown CJ around midnight and then chased at high speed by their assailants in a beige-colored van, which rear-ended their vehicle repeatedly. The victim's vehicle blew a tire and eventually crashed in O'Brien, and the van fled toward Takilma.

Thursday, July 24

*At 5:55 a.m. a beige van was reported stuck in a ditch in the 5000 block of Rockydale Road. William Allison Harvey, 37, was lodged in Josephine County



William A. Harvey

Jail on charges of first-degree criminal mischief, two counts of attempted fourth-degree assault reckless driving, reckless endangering, eluding police, failure to leave name at the scene of an accident and misdemeanor driving with a suspended license.

*Victoria Jeanette Sumner, 32, was cited on Schumacher Street to appear in Cave Junction Municipal Court on a charge of failure to obey a traffic control device (Stop sign).

*On Holland Loop a resident reported a man trespassing on his property.

*Angela Gail Cogburn, 37, was lodged in county jail on a charge of fourth-degree domestic assault following an altercation reported in the 27000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*A caller stated that a large amount of trash had been dumped on his Waldo Lookout Road property.

*A deputy was on foot at Illinois River "Forks" State Park at 11:11 p.m. to investigate a possible camp.

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