

Tales from the Rural Patrol

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Monday, June 24

*Longtime Illinois Valley resident Jim Rich, a highly regarded musician, blacksmith, artist and friend to many, was found deceased at his home.
*OSP asked that deputies be on the lookout for a school district employee driving from Crescent City, Calif. to Grants Pass because there had been a death at a school and he needed to return immediately.
*The son of a Selma resident could not be located and is now listed as a missing person. He is described as 5-1, 165 pounds with red hair and a full beard. He last was seen wearing tan Carhart trousers and a green shirt with “KCA” on either the front or back.
*On Briar Lane a restraining order was served.
*For some reason, intruder alerts were tripped at 3:28 p.m. at the Holland Loop station of Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD), and its staff went to check.

*Elsewhere:

--Residential burglary was reported on Redwood Avenue. And on Hubbard Lane. And on Rogue River Hwy.
--Steven D. Cornell, 59, was arrested by Medford Police under a Josephine County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO) warrant charging failure to appear (FTA) on a charge of driving under the influence of an intoxicant (DUII).
--Philip A. Person, 22, was arrested by Eugene Police under a JCSO warrant charging FTA on a charge of possession of a controlled substance/marijuana.
--A deputy checked for a transient camp on Granite Hill Road.

Tuesday, June 25

*Someone on Briar Lane was handed a restraining order.
*Three people were trying to steal a pickup truck and horse trailer from the 3700 block of Rockydale Road, according to a man, who added that one of the people used to work for him. He also noted “ongoing issues with thefts by the same subjects.”
*A separated couple on Mesa Verde Drive settled a problem with a car after the husband first said that she stole it.
*Drugs are being planted by a woman where he lives in O’Brien, said a man, because the landlord wants to evict the woman that the complainant has allowed to stay at that location after she was evicted from a place at the same address. (Something like that).
*Warrants were served on Walters Drive.
*Because she had not heard from her son for five days, and after he had told her that someone was following him, a mother in Selma

was worried. She eventually located him in a Portland hospital.
*Merle Southard (date of birth not listed) was arrested in the vicinity of Pinewood Way under an Oregon Parole Board warrant, and taken to jail in Grants Pass.
*There was a man with a gun around Pinewood Way, and a resident was concerned. The man turned out to be a probation officer.
*Something happened at the end of Sixth Street by Illinois River in Kerby.
*Animal Control was advised after a dog was attacked and severely injured by one of three loose dogs on Lakeshore Drive.
*Some \$400 worth of items were reported stolen from property on Deer Creek Road, and windows were broken on a motorhome, a trailer and a van, none of them insured. The reporting party said that the incident likely occurred in April or May.
*It appeared that a hammer was used by an errant neighbor in O’Brien to damage a hot tub.
*The Lake Selmac area was patrolled.
*Theft from a rental truck was reported in Cave Junction.
*Emergency personnel responded to a report of a FedEx truck that rolled on Lone Mountain Road at Naue Way.

*Elsewhere:

--An “extensive burglary” was reported on Russell Road in Merlin at a Bureau of Land Management site.
--Keys in a pickup truck were used by a thief to start the engine and drive away in a pickup truck from Enterprise Avenue.
--Burglary was reported on Mountain Fir Drive.
--Several items, including birthday gifts that a father had purchased for his child, were stolen from his car on Front Street.
--Damage to a locked mailbox on Leonard Road was estimated at \$79, and mail was taken.
--The King Mountain Radio Site was burglarized, but it seemed to involve property from either Jackson or Douglas counties.
--Theft of a \$300 bicycle from the front yard of a home on Grandview Lane was reported. (In broad daylight).
--Jason Benjamin Alberoni, 24, was arrested by Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS) under a JCSO warrant charging FTA on a charge of DUII.
--Damage and loss were estimated at more than \$2,000 on N. River Road, as a man said that an awning was torn off his RV and numerous items were stolen.
--A burglar was surprised by a resident on Pavillon Drive, but escaped with two cameras and a jewelry box.
--Burglary was reported at a home on Helms Drive. And on Foothill Blvd. And on Redwood Avenue. Plus theft from an unlocked pickup truck on Third Street.
--While in the county jail in Grants Pass, it was discovered that Chance Farlin Sillers, 33, is wanted in Missouri under a probation violation warrant and the “Show Me” state

agency involved will extradite.
--A pit bull on Peckerwood Lane is accused of attacking a pet cat.

Wednesday, June 26

*OSP responded for traffic control shortly after 8 a.m. due to a fire in a print shop, one of four businesses at the strip mall on Lister Street. IVFD personnel took care of the fire, but damage from smoke was noted overall because of getting into the attic.
*Someone in Cave Junction received a restraining order.
*People paying for a 2006 Chevy were aware that the vehicle was being repossessed in O’Brien.
*After a high-speed chase on Rockydale Road a deputy lost sight of the green vehicle he was pursuing, but found it a short time later on Blas Cerdena Drive. It was not certain that “Jones” was the driver, but he was cited on a charge of possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, and told to report to his probation officer.
*A restraining order was served on Briar Lane.
*In the 23000 block of Redwood Hwy., said a resident, a neighbor reached through a fence and spray-painted some door mirrors black while they were lying against straw bales outside. The neighbor then “broke them and threw them into their garden.” The suspect “continues to be an ongoing terror” with “harassment and makes threats that he is going to kill” the woman and her husband. They are “going to pursue another stalking order.”
*On Queen of Bronze Road a resident said that a man who lives on the same property “almost hit his dog with an ax because it was barking at him.” The complainant might seek a restraining order.

*A warrant was served on Caves Hwy.
*Because of someone in a vacant home at Watkins Street and Caves Avenue a civil deputy wanted to know if a probation officer was interested in whoever was making the home unvacant. (Possibly without permission).
*Checking for a VIN through seven western states after a vehicle stop at Takilma and Happy Camp roads, one was not located. Also, the woman driving the car could not be located (by computer). The vehicle “had no lights or license plates.”
*Approximately “\$20,000 worth of tools” and an ATV were stolen from his home on Dick George Road in January 2012, reported a man who has been away from his property. Several buildings also were entered illegally, he said, and household goods are missing.

*Elsewhere:

--”Parents” on Leonard Road had a fight about their baby. (Sad situation).
--Some sort of disturbance occurred after a guy went into a ditch while driving a pickup truck on Fish Hatchery Road. Then it was over.
--Roosevelt Cummings, 40, was arrested by GPDPS under a JCSO warrant charging FTA on a charge of fourth-degree assault.

--The loss of more than \$1,000 worth of items, including a set of golf clubs from an unlocked pickup truck, was reported from Enterprise Avenue.
--More trouble on Enterprise Avenue, although the complainant said that it occurred in May. Summarizing: She hired tree trimmers who she believes “traded” her good weedwhacker for a bad one, broke her power lawnmower and caused a grass fire, and stole her garbage cans, various garden tools, garden lights and a diamond earring. (We’d warn you about the trimmers, but the woman didn’t want to identify them).

Thursday, June 27

*While a man was in a business in the 25000 block of Redwood Hwy. around 8:30 a.m. his wife began honking their car horn because a stocky chap with a full beard, bushy head hair and blood on his hands was yelling at her and trying to break into the car. The man chased him off, and said that he might be “mental.” (Gee, maybe).
*Jonathan Stau, 41, was arrested and jailed on a charge of probation violation in Downtown Cave Junction. That was after a report of a man, possibly under the influence of something, possibly menacing people at a bank, sitting outside a restaurant for some three hours, and causing various problems around town while carrying what looked to some like a vehicle drive train. He admitted to using bath salts. (But not for bathing).
*Around 10:30 a.m. the stocky chap with blood on his hands was contacted in CJ. He said that he didn’t need medical aid, and that he had been assaulted. It was unclear if he was the menacing person at a CJ bank who was “trespassed.”
*After a woman he used to know came unbidden to his home on Draper Valley Road she asked a lot of questions about his schedule, a man said. She also knows, he added, that he takes pain pills. When he got home the next day all his pills were gone. (Coincidence?)

*The walking stick a man had with him in CJ was given to his mother on Westside Road after her welfare was checked after the man made a comment about her to jail personnel.
*Kyle Matthew Nelson, 22, was arrested and jailed after a traffic stop on N. Old Stage Road at Fir Drive. Charges: probation violation (under a warrant) for attempting to elude; followed by FTA on a charge of attempting to elude a police vehicle.

*Elsewere:

--On N. Frontage Road in rural Grants Pass a resident reported “a car full of guys who brandished weapons” after smashing windows on three of his vehicles. Officers responded and eventually stopped a vehicle; what happened then is unclear.
--A stolen car “in good shape” was found on Hugo Road.
--The 40-year-old son of a man on Hieglan Loop, said to use drugs and allowed to live with his father by the latter as a tenant, was accused by

the dad of hitting and choking him. Ol’ dad was advised to evict the son of ... (his wife).
--On Ferry Road a woman surprised a creep trying to burglarize her home and steal copper wire from her well. She recovered items he had taken outside.
--Possible drug activity was reported at a vacant home on Placer Road, and the complainant said that his dog had been left on his driveway, dead.
--Burglars took jewelry from his home, said a man on Williams Hwy.
--Pet cats were found dead at two rural GP locations. A dog is suspected of doing the killing, but the owner who places them with the cats could find himself in a hot place some day.
--A vacant home on Morewood Lane was burglarized.
--A warrant was served on Barney Fife Drive. (Really; Barney Fife).
--”Bite Me” was tatoored on one arm of a man contacted at Rocky Riffle.
--Twenty “employees” were said to be involved in a large marijuana garden on Cheslock Drive.
--Bad odors like meth being cooked were reported on Williams Hwy.

Friday, June 28

*There was a traffic stop at Redwood Hwy. and Waldo Road.
*There was an attempted traffic stop on Deer Creek Road, but the ace on a three-wheeler escaped by going onto a logging road.

*Elsewhere:

--In Merlin a family is upset and worried because of a squatting “mental” neighbor who “spins out” on a common driveway and threatens to kill them. The mental giant also fired a gun in the air and told the complainant that “the sheriff told me to shoot you in the head.” (Yeah, right.)
--Unpleasantness was reported on Pleasant Valley Road after a man found that his two vehicles were vandalized.
--For some reason, from Monument Drive someone stole a 1993 pickup truck that’s painted red with red-and-yellow camo overtones and it has a light blue driver-side door with the junk yard numbers still on, and it has to be jump-started. Painted on the tailgate are the words, “Tweakers Suck.” (Maybe the truck ran away).
--While a man was sleeping on Wildflower Drive, he said, someone entered his home and stole a \$500 TV set, and it was obvious that they had looked for more swag. They also tried to steal his car, but the battery was dead. And on Daisy Mine Road someone vandalized a home, apparently removing copper wire.
--A girl, 13, apparently ran away from rural Grants Pass “to clear her head.” She is said to have a pierced nose, pierced ears, pierced navel and pierced tongue.

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1- Secret supply; 6- X-ray units; 10- Quickly, quickly; 14- Motion picture; 15- Creamy-beige color; 16- Utah lily; 17- Skater Slutskaya; 18- School orgs.; 19- Afternoon affairs; 20- Inn; 22- State of being impure; 24- Lisa, to Bart, briefly; 26- Add fizz; 27- Village near the Matterhorn; 31- Zip; 32- Like a mosquito bite; 33- Vast chasm; 36- Harem room; 39- ___-shanter (Scottish cap); 40- Give consent; 41-___ soup yet?; 42- AOL, e.g.; 43- Entreaties; 44- Ration out; 45- "Runaway" singer Shannon; 46- Primitive form of wheat; 48- Office of a curate; 51- Lush; 52- Interpose; 54- Naked-faced Amazon monkey; 59- Specks; 60- Gen. Robert ___; 62- Member of the dog family; 63- French summers; 64- impasse; 65- Chip maker; 66- Ethereal; 67- Tirade; 68- Every 24 hours;

Down

1- Struck, old-style; 2- When said three times, a 1970 war movie; 3- Tel ___; 4- Cosecant's reciprocal; 5- Rumor; 6- Agent, briefly; 7- Play opener; 8- Stage play; 9- State of mental uncertainty; 10- Stellar; 11- Now you ___.; 12- Playing marble; 13- Noregay; 21- It may be picked; 23- "Exodus" author; 25- Phase; 27- Rigatoni relative; 28- Greek letters; 29- Dudley Do-Right's org.; 30- Conductance unit; 34- Bikini part; 35- Approvals; 36- Capital of Norway; 37- Designer Christian; 38- Env. notation; 40- Signal that danger is over; 41- Variety; 43- Fleshy fruit; 44- Tums, e.g.; 45- Stylish; 47- Debtor's letters; 48- Benjamin; 49- Say; 50- Seaport in the Crimea; 52- It's a thought; 53- Bring forth young; 55- Japanese syllabic script; 56- Word that can precede war, biotic and climax; 57- Cambodian currency; 58- Without doing anything; 61- Med. specialty;

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