

Man charged in O'Brien shootout

An O'Brien man has been indicted over a year after an April 2015 shooting in the Valley.

Jeffrey Hunsaker, of O'Brien, was indicted on two counts of felon in possession of a firearm after a shootout with Warren Batie in April of 2015, as well as three counts of felon in possession of a firearm, manufacturing of marijuana and possession of marijuana from an incident on the same property in October 2014.

Hunsaker was treated for a gunshot wound at Three Rivers Hospital after the April 2015 incident, and Batie, also of O'Brien, was fatally shot. The charges from October 2014 came after a search warrant was executed on the property.

According to the district attorney's office, the indictment came after a death investigation and the consideration of a grand jury, which saw a long presentation and multiple eye witness testimonies, including a forensic expert from the Oregon State Police crime lab. No criminal charges were brought against Hunsaker regarding Batie's death, but no further information will be provided until the criminal case is closed.

Former *Daily Courier* reporter charged with manslaughter

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — An Oregon woman who worked as a newspaper reporter earlier this year has been charged in the shooting death of her uncle.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office says deputies responded to a home near Jackson-Josephine county line and found the body of 63-year-old Shane Moore.

Court records show the man's niece, 26-year-old Aisling Tucker Moore-Reed, was charged with manslaughter. An affidavit stating the probable cause for the arrest was sealed Wednesday.

Court records show the uncle was charged with harassment and misdemeanor assault in an incident involving his niece last year. He was scheduled to stand trial in September.

The Grants Pass *Daily Courier* reports (<https://is.gd/kpHTqS>) Moore-Reed, known professionally as Tucker Reed, worked briefly as a reporter for the newspaper. A Google search turned up articles by her in February and March.



(Photo courtesy of Roger Brandt for the *Illinois Valley News*)

Gwen Sky (left) reviews a survey while her pup and Christine Perala Gardiner look on at Forks Park Monday, Aug. 1.

The visitor survey at Illinois River Forks Park is the first official Oregon state survey to be done at this park since the park was established in 1962. This is an opportunity for local residents to make a difference in the future of the park by sharing ideas and concerns with state park administrators in Salem. All input will be compiled into a permanent report that can be used to leverage funding into improving the park for future generations. The opportunity ends when the survey is finished on Aug. 11. For more information on days when volunteers will be at the park call 541 592-4316.

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