

# Man found dead from gunshot

On Dec. 20, around 4 a.m., the Oregon State Police (OSP) arrived at the scene of a reported dead body in the 100 block of E. River Street in rural Cave Junction. Troopers arrived on scene and located a deceased male outside the residence who appeared to have been shot in the back of the head. The Josephine County Major Crime Response Team was activated to conduct the death

investigation. At this time OSP has not released the name of the male victim. There is no further information available at this time and is an active investigation. The Josephine County Major Crime Response Team is comprised of investigators from the Oregon State Police, Grants Pass Department of Public Safety, and the Josephine County district attorney's office.

# Missing man found dead in trees

A man last seen by friends around 4 p.m. Dec. 18, was located Dec. 20, 2017, at approximately 12:15 p.m., by Oregon State Police (OSP) Troopers from the Grants Pass Area Command when they responded to a call about a vehicle that had left Highway 199 (Redwood Highway) near milepost 24.

The preliminary investigation has determined that 46 year old Benjamin Saxby, of Venice, Florida, was operating a 2003 Kia Sedona southbound on Highway 199, when for an unknown reason veered off the highway and down a steep embankment. The minivan came to rest approximately 100 feet west of the roadway. Saxby was not wearing his seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. Saxby suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead on the scene by Fire Chief Dennis Hoke. There were no other occupants in the vehicle.

The OSP was assisted by Illinois Valley Fire and the Oregon Department of Transportation.



"Pirate" Ben Saxby

## Tales from the Rural Patrol

(Editor's note: Factual information for 'Patrol' 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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### Monday, Dec. 18

\*Destructive devils vandalized the front doors and broke windows in a church at 498 Laurel Road on Nov. 27.

### Tuesday, Dec. 19

\*At 10:06 a.m. a gal in the 600 block of Lakeshore Drive was trying to get her boyfriend ready for his court hearing, and he

physically attacked her. A report was filed for fourth-degree assault and strangulation.

\*A resident in the 100 block of Hogue Drive reported a burglary in September. On Dec. 18, an individual found the stolen goods near the 100 block of Warren Road, next to a pile of old clothing. He returned the items to the person on Hogue Drive. One suitcase contained unopened mail, medical items, and paperwork that may belong to the suspected thief.

### Wednesday, Dec. 20

\*Lazy thieves stole the license plates from a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Hussey Avenue overnight on Dec. 15.

\*On Dec. 13, Good Samaritans

felt sorry for a woman during the bad weather, so they offered to let her stay in their apartment in the 200 block of Millie Street. She said she would pay them \$200, but the couple refused the money, because they were helping her out of kindness. However, when they asked her to leave on Dec. 16, she threatened them with violence and refused to go away. The couple requested that a deputy from Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) escort her off their property. It was unclear if the ungrateful guest had vacated the premises as of Dec. 20.

\*A driver struck a pothole and popped two tires near Holland Loop and Hays Cutoff on Dec. 17. The tow truck was not available until

7 a.m. on Dec. 18. By morning, the rear driver side window was smashed out, a door was dented, and the trunk was damaged.

### Thursday, Dec. 21

\*A deputy played mediator during a property exchange in the 600 block of Lakeshore Drive at 12:20 p.m. (Most people exchange gifts this time of year.)

\*A landlord was having issues at 2009 Laurel Road at 2:17 p.m. (Whatever happened to 'tis the season to be jolly?)

\*Folks in the 200 block of Thompson Creek Road weren't getting along so well at 3:15 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 22

\*Mail that was stolen on Dec. 18, was found scattered for a stretch

of two miles near the 10000 block of Caves Hwy. (Air mail?)

\*Alert citizens noticed an open gate, and part of a fence was missing near Kinnikinnick Drive at 1:47 p.m. A deputy contacted the former resident of the property, and learned that he was removing a fence that he had built.

### Saturday, Dec. 23

\*Contractor equipment may have been stolen from the lower parking lot at the Oregon Caves National Monument.

\*A jerk was harassing homeless people, and riding a bicycle in and out of traffic in the 200 block of W. Watkins Street at 4:54 p.m. The anti-hero was wearing a blue blanket on his head.

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### WHERE'S THE ALARM?

The volunteers and staff of the Illinois Valley Fire District Responded to these recent Emergency calls

**Monday 12/18/2017**  
 300 blk MILLIE ST, Medical Emergency  
 1300 blk HOLTON CREEK RD, Medical Emergency  
 200 blk OLLIS RD, Medical Emergency  
 200 blk SAMARKAND DR, Medical Emergency

**Tuesday 12/19/2017**  
 500 blk W WATKINS ST, Medical Emergency  
 3400 blk ROCKYDALE RD, Fire Alarm  
 25300 blk REDWOOD HWY, Small Vehicle Fire  
 10300 blk TAKILMA RD, Medical Emergency

**Wednesday 12/20/2017**  
 600 blk FOREST CREEK RD, Medical Emergency  
 4700 blk WALDO RD, Medical Emergency  
 1000 blk NAUE WAY, Medical Emergency  
 5200 blk TAKILMA RD, Medical Emergency  
 200 blk CEDAR BROOK LN, Medical Emergency  
 REDWOOD HWY / EIGHT DOLLAR RD, Traffic Accident  
 800 blk CAVES HWY, Traffic Accident  
 27500 blk REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency  
 100 blk N JUNCTION AVE, Traffic Accident

**Thursday 12/21/2017**  
 1000 blk DRAPER VALLEY RD, Fire Assist to Public  
 9500 blk TAKILMA RD, Medical Emergency  
 35000 blk REDWOOD HWY, Outdoor Smoke  
 42.3425410000000000, -123.5718230000000000, Traffic Accident  
 600 blk FERNWOOD DR, Medical Emergency

**Friday 12/22/2017**  
 100 blk E RIVER ST, Small Vehicle Fire  
 42.3468110000000000, -123.5613740000000000, Traffic Accident  
 CAVES HWY / N OLD STAGE RD, Fire Assist to Public

**Saturday 12/23/2017**  
 42.0714670000000000, -123.6999280000000000, Traffic Accident  
 200 blk DICK GEORGE RD, Medical Emergency  
 100 blk OLLIS RD, Medical Emergency  
 24900 blk REDWOOD HWY, Open Burn  
 42.3425410000000000, -123.5718230000000000, Traffic Accident  
 100 blk E RIVER ST, Structure Fire

**Sunday 12/24/2017**  
 100 blk E RIVER ST, Structure Fire  
 400 blk S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

### Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

**"CANDLE WITH CARE"**

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot (30 centimetres) away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

**IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...**

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.

**FACTS**

- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires.
- Roughly one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

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### ACROSS

- 1) See the sites?
- 5) Parker who played Davy Crockett
- 9) Vagabond
- 14) Dept. with a sun on its seal
- 15) Future D.A.'s hurdle
- 16) Putting green features
- 17) Tiny pond plant
- 18) Holiday lights site
- 19) Slate of VIPs
- 20) King who supported Molière
- 22) Highfalutin sorts
- 23) Hoi
- 24) Egg-white omelet's lack
- 26) Blotter letters
- 28) Ryder Cup team
- 29) "Mystery!" network
- 31) Colorful mnemonic
- 33) Line to tear along: Abbr.
- 35) "Constant Craving" singer
- 37) Pontificate
- 38) Northeastern educational octet ... or, in a way, what the ends of 20-, 31-, 49- and 61-Across comprise

- 41) Big mess
- 44) Isle of Mull neighbor
- 45) Beauties
- 49) City name meaning "spring mound"
- 51) Naval off.
- 53) Welcoming accessory
- 54) Carpentry tool
- 55) Some, in Seville
- 57) Two-gamete cell
- 59) Blow away
- 61) Maker of Smart Target acne treatment
- 63) Limber
- 64) Snack in a stack
- 65) Singles bar conversation starter
- 66) Easily corrupted
- 67) Badly need a bath
- 68) Squared up
- 69) Anaheim's Honda Center, e.g.
- 70) Kings and queens
- 71) They may be tacked on

### DOWN

- 1) Blubbery baby?
- 2) Free
- 3) Like some verbs and gas
- 4) Hardly hardy
- 5) With some wiggle room
- 6) Hollywood's Morales
- 7) Shrewd
- 8) Canonized mlle.
- 9) Gift recipient's sentiment
- 10) Lampshade-shaped chocolate
- 11) Woodcutter who knew the magic words
- 12) Camper's dining gear
- 13) West Coast hrs.
- 21) Food for dunking
- 22) \_\_\_-mo replay
- 25) Princess Leia's last name
- 27) City thoroughfare: Abbr.
- 30) Whistle wetter
- 32) First name of TV's Dr. House
- 34) World Cup org.
- 36) Classical lead-in
- 39) Horn banned from the 2014 World Cup
- 40) "Zounds!"
- 41) RR stop
- 42) Many an Enya fan
- 43) Hoarder's cry
- 46) Showing strong feeling
- 47) Day play
- 48) Justice replaced by Kagan
- 50) Having four sharps
- 52) One-named R&B singer
- 56) Bender
- 58) Treble staff symbol
- 60) Logician Turing
- 62) Clarinet insert
- 63) Actress Gardner
- 64) Ball

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