

# Josephine County Crime Briefs:

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A California woman was jailed Dec. 11 after she led deputies on a high-speed pursuit and then wrecked her vehicle in the Illinois Valley near Selma. The Josephine County Sheriff's Office reports 34-year-old Tawnee Lee Cook of Crescent City was arrested following the pursuit that ended Tuesday at 11:55 a.m. when she crashed into a ditch in the 4000-block of Reeves Creek Road. Deputies said Cook was speeding in a blue sedan when they attempted to stop her, but she failed to yield so they began to pursue her. She was not injured in the crash, but she was placed into custody. Cook was transported to Grants Pass and lodged in the Josephine County Jail on charges including felony attempt to elude police, reckless driving and probation violation. She was also cited for speeding, driving while suspended and no insurance.

A flock of turkeys crossing Redwood Highway in the Jerome Prairie area caused a four-vehicle crash yesterday that sent at least one person to the hospital. The Oregon State Police reports troopers and emergency personnel responded to the multi-vehicle collision on U.S. Highway 199 near the west end of Redwood Avenue Wednesday at about 2 p.m.. Troopers said the crash occurred when several vehicles swerved to stopped for a flock of turkeys on the roadway. They said the collision involved both north- and southbound lanes of the highway, and it shut down all four travel lanes for approximately 45 minutes until the crashed vehicles could be removed. It was unclear which of the drivers was hurt, but OSP reported that one was transported by AMR Ambulance to Three Rivers Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries. All four vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

A Cave Junction man was jailed for violating his post-prison supervision and may also face a drug charge following his arrest in the North Valley area late last night. The Oregon State Police reports 47-year-old Charles David Fletcher was arrested in the 1000-block of Grants Pass Road Wednesday at about 11:30 p.m.. Troopers said Fletcher was one of two people caught trespassing on properties in that area. Upon contact, they determined he was on parole connected to a previous conviction for first degree burglary. In addition, a consent search found him to be in possession of methamphetamine and related drug paraphernalia. Fletcher was transported to Grants Pass and lodged in the Josephine County Jail on a no-bail parole detainer. A charge of possession of a controlled substance against him was referred to the District Attorney's Office for consideration.

A Williams man was arrested yesterday for committing domestic violence against his wife in the Illinois Valley. The Josephine County Sheriff's Office reports deputies responded to the reported incident near the intersection of Redwood Highway and Eight Dollar Road Tuesday at about 1:45 p.m.. Deputies said the wife of 38-year-old Nathaniel Ray Labat had hitched a ride to that location after being assaulted by her husband at a residence on Deer Creek Road. She advised that Labat choked her, threatened her and broke her cell phone. After catching up with Labat at the Eight Dollar Botanical Area, deputies placed him into custody. He was transported to Grants Pass and lodged in the Josephine County Jail on charges of domestic strangulation and coercion. According to the sheriff's log, his wife was frightened but not seriously injured.

A Grants Pass man with a history of impaired driving was arrested for the same offense early yesterday near the downtown area. Public safety officers pulled over a Dodge pickup driven by 41-year-old Jason Lee Tipton near the corner of NW 3rd and D streets on Thursday at about 1:50 a.m.. Upon contact, officers said they discovered Tipton was driving with a felony suspended license. He also admitted to drinking alcohol prior to driving. Tipton was booked into the Josephine County Jail for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and felony driving while suspended. He was also cited for failing to obey a traffic control device, no insurance and failing to install an ignition interlock device on his pickup, which was impounded.

The Josephine County Sheriff's Office has announced the apprehension of three more local fugitives who have recently skipped scheduled court dates. In a press release titled "Warrant Wednesday," the sheriff's office reported the arrests of Jack Steinhoff, Derek Hood and Justin Taylor. Steinhoff was arrested Dec. 7 on Deer Creek Road in Selma. He was wanted for failing to appear in court for unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, criminal trespass, criminal mischief, attempt to commit fourth-degree assault and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Hood was arrested Dec. 10 on Redwood Highway for a parole violation. Taylor was arrested the same day on North Redwood Highway for failing to appear in court for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

## Ms. Gragg: Third Grade

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want:  
-A hoverboard  
-Google home mini -Pillows and or beez -Mugs, wvble bubble, shopping  
-Purses, shoes and hair dye  
-Clothes -Sewing machine  
-Polaroid camra  
-Pokemon carbs  
Santa for Christmas my family is going to wear matchih Christmas pagamas. And I will play in the show with my family. We have a tree and lights and all the decorations and stalken and ornaments. My birth day is 12 days after Christmas and 4 days after Christmas we leave to go to Seattle. Christmas is my favirot halliday. I have a mini Christmas tree in my room. My sister and me share a room. I love Christmas.  
Love, Dakota

Winter!!!! Thing I love or lik about Winter: Winter is fun, but cold snow is my favorite tings. When it comes to Winter, I love it when we get hot cocoa. When we come inside we put our snow bibs, snow boots, gloves, and beanies. Why am I talking about? My mom, sister, brother, and me. My brother is so annoying! I get mad when he runins my little snow man! Things I relly do not like about winter: I do not like that my feet and socks get wet. My beanie falls off all the time! I am not liking that I feel lonely when I play. My mom just sits on the porch and she watches my brothe and me. Just maybe she dose not want to get wet.  
By Aleigh D.

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am doing good. How is your year? I want a big teddy bear, new shoes, pj's, shirts, pants head phones, a pillow, a raindeer, blankets, a watch, a clock. Try to get is to snow. Thank you Santa Merrey Christmas and a ? set car, a hover bord.  
Loves, Jacob Green

I love winter. I love cookis and I love to make gingerbread houses. And I love snow and I like to make snow mans. And I love presents and elf on the shelves. Crismos trees. And sleiding. And I love the pridy ice and winter is my favorite seson.  
Azuroh

Dear Santa,  
I don't want much this year. I have been nice: I would like:  
-A Rudolph stuffed animal  
-Fureal friends Tyler my roarin tiger  
-Feisty pet  
-LOL pet  
That's all I want. Are you having a good Chrsitmas? I am.  
Thank you.  
Love, Bonnie  
p.s. I would like something for my dad.

Dear Santa,  
Hi how are you? I hope you have a grewt birthday. When you come I am going to give you some cookies and milk. I was being good this year. I want a tablet and a puppy for Christmas.  
Love, Sam F.

Dear Santa,  
So Santa I want for Christmas is a cute rainbow teddy bear that glows in the dark but I want it to be soft and a glow in the dark figget rainbow figget spinner.  
Thank you.  
Jasmine Hiekel

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog.  
Jaxah

Dear Santa,  
I am doing well how are your rain deer? I wish it snows this year. And I wish for a new phone and fortnite vbuks and a Nintendo switch. And a remote controle car. And a under tale shirt. Oh I almost forgot a new head set with a microphone.  
Gauge Lea

Dear Santa,  
I wood lik a dirt bike for Christmas and a Nintendo swich and a cupature for Christmas  
By Misael

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas I would like some presents this year. Hear are some things I want for Christmas. I want some fluffy slime, jojo bows, rain bow slime, blue glitter slime, a new backpack, and a baby kitten that's all I want for Christmas,  
From: Jocelyn  
To: Santa

I want a lecherick goodter and a kea bord. And a acsecar.  
p.s. have a nighs trip  
Haries

Dear Santa,  
On Christmas I will leave cookies on my table and also can you bring back elfy jingle and mary thank you and I will leave

you milk.  
From, Jeb  
p.s. can you bring me presnets I have been good this year. And the elvs don't move.

Dear Santa,  
Hi, I am Erin Beck and I want a choker for Christmas. I saw you on the fire truck my birthday is on Christmas. That is it for my list.  
p.s. I want slime  
by Erin Beck

Hi Santa,  
I loved what you gave me last year I loved it! I've been good and hair dye. I would like an I phone 5, tablet and orbeez. And please make snow. I want a tree-house. Go shoping for cothes and hair stuff. I want to get a new car for mom and dad with lights room for stuff and 8 people. That's what I want for Christmas.  
Love, Pevla Jaime

Dear Santa,  
Id like to see what you look like, please Santa. Before I forget I want to say Merry Christmas! And Santa can you get me a halo game and a fortnite game please?  
Cort Webb

Dear Santa,  
I would like a phone, a ginger bread house in the box, a spa, a vaction, \$2,000, a rescus runt, slimes, a Christmas dress, a computer, cameras, a real dog, a real cat, Christmas shos, a painting set, a stuffy, a water bottle, a big screen T.V., books, paper, a house, a car for kid, a real fish with a tank, squshies, easy back oven, a nursery, baby dolls, and pie face. This is what I want I hope I am on the nice list. I've been ok. I hope that I get what I want. What I really want is a rescue runt because I really like pupies. Pupies are cute so that way I want a rescue runt. My dad took my phone so that way I want a phone. I have to go now bi.  
Love, Kimberlynn

I will get in from outside and I will put my snow boots and my mittins away then I will dride my hot chocholet and I will go back outside I will make a snow man and I ask mom if she will go outside with me and she say yes then we went inside and we took off are snow boots and dad and Riley and Jyson got home and we will tell them about our day and we talk and we talk and we talk.  
Bayleu

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