Husky

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When Richardson heard the gunshots, he said he bolted through the snow blowing his dog whistle, screaming and clicking on all of the buttons on Mateo's training collar. "My heart sank," Richard-

son said.

He found Mateo dead with four gunshot wounds. Then Richardson said he heard someone get into their car parked on the access road nearby and race off — though he never saw the person.

Footprints were visible around Mateo's body, Richardson said, so he followed them back to a tree about 25 feet away where he found shell casings and a knee pad.

There is no way at 25 feet that you can mistake a 65-pound red Siberian husky for a 40-pound coyote," Richardson said.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office responded to the incident around 9 a.m. on Dec. 31, the agency wrote on Facebook.

A suspect or vehicle has not been found, the sheriff's office said. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to call 541-693-6911 and reference the case number: 21-72336.

Mateo's family starts petition

Richardson said there were no signs warning visitors of potential hunters. But he said he was in an area "closed to all firearm discharge," according to a Cline Buttes Recreation Area map.

Firearm restrictions differ across the Cline Buttes Recreation Area. A spokesperson with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife told Mc-Clatchy News they "assume (it) would be lawful to hunt" in some places in the area if a person has a hunting license, even though it is an area popular with dog walkers.

Those areas include northwestern parts of Cline Buttes, which Richardson said he was not in.

Instead, Richardson said, he



Mateo, a red Siberian husky, front, and Maverick, a husky and Labrador mix are pictured.

was in an area marked orange near Juniper Trailhead. His daughter Savanna Rich-

ardson started a petition to stop people from hunting in public hiking areas.

"Hunting in any public area is wrong and dangerous and risks people or even children getting shot," she wrote. "We don't want anyone to go through the pain and hurt we are going through right now."

Stephen Richardson also wants the public to know when they are entering hunting areas after losing Mateo.

"I want awareness. I want signs to be posted up there that it is legal to be hunting and have traps out," he said.

He also started a GoFundMe to cover the costs of Mateo's cremation. Any money raised past their goal will go toward a reward for catching the person who shot their husky, he said.

Missing teens wrote 'SOS' in snow, helping helicopter find them, Oregon rescuers say Raging flood water leads to

dozens of rescues at California state park, firefighters say

Truck dangles above icy river after plunge off cliff, Washington rescuers say Helena Wegner writes for the Charlotte Observer.

Guide to returning gifts

BY BEN SPRADLING BBB Advice

Now that the holidays are over, are you staring at a heap of well-intended gifts that just didn't work out? You're likely stuck

with the scarf your aunt knitted for you, but most presents purchased online can be returned. How easily that happens, though, depends on your approach.

National Returns Day annually falls during the first week of January, inundating businesses and postal services Spradling alike with some of the highest return volumes of the year. Understanding return policies is your key to ensuring effective returns after the holiday.

Better Business Bureau has a few tips on how to prepare and what to expect when returning an online purchase.

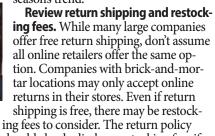
Keep your gift receipts. They're your key to confirming the original price paid for your gift. Without a gift receipt, some retailers may only offer a store credit for the item at its current sale price or even the lowest price it sold for in the past 30 days.

Don't delay returns. Take a couple of days to decide whether to keep or exchange the gifts you received. But try not to deliberate for too long. You may end up receiving less for the return or being stuck with the gift altogether. Some retailers have extended their return policies to Jan. 31, while others start their normal return window countdown as early as Dec. 26. Make sure you know the difference.

Verify return eligibility. Many companies offer a 30-day or 90-day return window on most purchases, but some retailers offer a little more time to account for holiday gifting. However, not all purchases are eligible for return and some departments may have smaller return windows than others.

Fast fashion companies focus on trendy

clothing with rapid turnarounds, so returns aren't the most profitable path to take. In the time it takes to ship, process, and refund a return, the clothing sent back will already be last season's trend.



should clearly disclose restocking fees if there are any. Refer to their return policy to check for potential fees and call customer service if there is any doubt.

Watch for third-party retailers: Online retailers such as Amazon, Target, Walmart, and Best Buy often allow third-party vendors to sell products on their sites. Don't assume those third-party sellers offer the same policies as the sites hosting their products. A quick check for a vendor's return policy will save some gift-giving grief.

Return everything that came with your gift. This includes packaging, paperwork, and anything else that was included in your original shipment. For electronics, make sure the packaging is still intact or many merchants won't accept the return. And if you're returning clothing, don't remove the tags or stickers.

Where can you return your package? Thanks to Amazon, consumers now expect to be able to return products via home pick-up, in-store drop offs, and lockers.

As a result, many companies are adopting similar practices to facilitate the return process and maintain customer satisfaction. This information is normally listed in the return policy if these options are available.

For more consumer tips, visit Trust-bbb.org.

Redmond senior receives full-ride scholarship to Boston University

Staff report

Redmond Proficiency Academy senior Niysa Heilman-Gast will attend Boston University on a full ride scholarship next year as part of the QuestBridge National College Match, a program that connects high-achieving high school seniors from low-income backgrounds with full four-year scholarships to top colleges. Heilman-Gast, the first in her family to attend college, said after spending her entire life on the West Coast, she is excited to attend an East Coast school and explore everything the area has to offer.

"I am super excited to attend Boston University," she said. "I can't wait to be in a new environment and have new experiences. I am very grateful to be going to a school filled with students and staff who are passionate about learning."

New laws

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Previously, counties would count only ballots actually received on or before Election Day. It passed the House 39-21 and the Senate 16-13. This will

and the Senate 24-4.

• House Bill 2929 requires police officers to report misconduct or fitness standards and mandates investigation into such a report with 72 hours. Investigators must report misconduct findings to a state board. The House voted

a failure to disperse. It also passed the House and Senate unanimously.

• House Bill 3273 limits the circumstances in which law enforcement officers may release booking photos, commonly known as mugshots. Supporters said online publication of mugshots were impinging on people's privacy and preventing them from moving on with their lives, whether or not they were ultimately convicted of crimes. It passed the House 54-4 and the Senate 17-13.

law specifies hair style and hair texture are among those newly protected traits. It passed the House 58-0 and the Senate 28-1.

Juvenile suspects

Senate Bill 418 establishes that if a police officer intention ally uses false information to elicit a statement from someone under age 18, that statement will be presumed to be involuntary. The bill passed the Senate 24-4. and the House 53-2.

nomah County. The bill passed 22-5 in the Senate and 52-0 in the House.

Marijuana

House Bill 3369 allows nurses to discuss possible medical use of marijuana with their patients. It passed the House

their passengers and drivers. The bill requires the companies to provide personal injury protection coverage of up to \$15,000 of crash-related medical care and lost wages for up to a year in case of an accident. Until now, a loophole allowed taxicabs and the ride share companies to avoid providing this basic coverage, although Lyft has done so voluntarily. The new law impacts new policies or those renewed on Jan. 1 or later. It passed in the House 52 votes in support, with six representatives excused, and the Senate 21-1.

delay how quickly election re sults can be determined but is likely to lead to higher election turnout.

Police reform

George Floyd's murder by a Minneapolis police officer triggered a national reckoning on civil rights. Oregon lawmakers responded with several bills aimed at improving police conduct and oversight.

Other more profound changes require more training, more accountability and transparency, greater scrutiny of police use of force and more skilled attention to the well-being of people restrained by officers. Here are specifics of those changes that took effect Jan. 1:

 Šenate Bill 204 gives civilian oversight board access to a database of police encounters and arrests. The bill passed the House 34-22, and the Senate 18-11.

• Senate Bill 621 gives local jurisdictions the ability to set law for community oversight boards that oversee police discipline. Lawmakers took up this bill at Portland's request. It passed the Senate 20-7 and the House 37-19.

• House Bill 2513 requires CPR training for police certification and requires police to call for emergency medical aid if a restrained person suffers respiratory or cardiac crisis. The bill passed the House 58-2

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58-2 for the bill; the Senate approved it 27-2.

• House Bill 2936 creates a background checklist and standardized personal history questionnaire for aspiring police officers and exempts law enforcement from a prohibition on employer access to personal social media accounts. While the law takes effect on Jan. 1, it cannot be used to hire corrections officers until July 1, 2023. It passed the House 54-4 and the Senate 20-8.

• House Bill 3145 requires police departments to report officer discipline to the state within 10 days. The state will publish those reports in an online publicly accessible database. It passed the House 58-1 and the Senate 26-2.

 House Bill 2932 requires Oregon law enforcement to participate in the FBI's national useof-force database and directs a state commission to analyze the data and report its findings to the Legislature every year. The bill passed the House 58-1 and the Senate 20-7.

• House Bill 2986 requires police officers be trained to investigate and report bias crimes. It passed both the House and the Senate unanimously.

• House Bill 3059 requires any arrests associated with "unlawful assemblies" to be based on crimes other than

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Affordable housing

Senate Bill 8 requires local governments to allow development of affordable housing even on land not zoned for residential use, with some exceptions for lands designated for heavy industry and publicly owned properties next to sites zoned for school or residential use. It also lowers the duration for which such housing must be classified as affordable, from 40 years to 30. The bill won overwhelming legislative support, passing the Senate 25-5 and the House 46-3.

Hate crimes

Senate Bill 398 makes it a crime to intimidate people by displaying a noose. Violators face up to 364 days in prison and a fine of \$6,250. The bill passed the Senate 27-1 and the House 54-0.

Racial equity

House Bill 2935, known as the Crown Act, bans discrimination in schools or the workplace "based on physical characteristics that are historically associated with race." The

Teacher unions

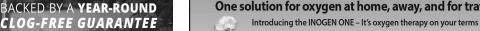
Senate Bill 580 requires school districts bargain with teacher unions over class sizes at schools with high concentrations of low-income students. The bill's original version would have applied more broadly, potentially requiring schools to lower class sizes in high-income schools and raise them in schools with a concentration of low-income students, who have greater learning needs. The Legislature narrowed the bill's scope after The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that it could undermine the state's efforts to provide more equitable outcomes for students of all backgrounds. The House approved the bill 36-21; the Senate voted 18-11 in favor.

Homelessness

Senate Bill 850 requires that death reports for homeless people list the person's residence as "domicile unknown." Supporters hope the bill will help track the number of peo-

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ple who die while experiencing homelessness, something that already happens in Mult-One solution for oxygen at home, away, and for travel





47-5 and passed the Senate 21-6.

Ride shares

House Bill 2393 calls for Transportation Network Companies, like Uber and Lyft and cab companies, to upgrade insurance coverage to protect



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Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am (English) 12:00 noon (Spanish)

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