

# Arrests of Oregon standoff leaders leave 1 dead

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BURNS — Federal and state officials were restricting access on Wednesday to the Oregon refuge being occupied by an armed group after one of the occupiers was killed during a traffic stop and eight more, including the group's leader Ammon Bundy, were arrested.

The group, which has included people from as far away as Arizona and Michigan, seized the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on Jan. 2. They want federal lands turned over to local authorities.

The confrontation came amid increasing calls for law enforcement to take action against Bundy for the illegal occupation of the wildlife refuge.

Details of the fatal encounter were sparse. It happened as Bundy and his followers were heading to a community meeting late Tuesday afternoon in John Day, about 70 miles north of Burns.

Arianna Finicum Brown confirmed that her father, Arizona rancher Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, was the man killed, the Oregonian reported. The 55-year-old was a frequent and public presence at the refuge, often speaking for the group at news conferences.

"This is where I'm going to breathe my last breath, whether I'm 90, 95 or 55," Finicum told The Associated Press on Jan. 5. "... I'm going to not spend my days in a cell."

The FBI and Oregon State Police would only say the man killed in the police shooting was wanted by federal authorities, and said no more information would be released pending identification by the medical examiner.

Jason Patrick, one of the leaders of the occupation, told radio station Oregon Public Broadcasting that five or six group members remain inside the refuge.



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**Sgt. Tom Hutchison stands in front of an Oregon State Police roadblock on Highway 395 between John Day and Burns Tuesday. Authorities say shots were fired Tuesday during the arrest of members of an armed group that has occupied a national wildlife refuge in Oregon for more than three weeks. The FBI said authorities arrested Ammon Bundy, 40, his brother Ryan Bundy, 43, Brian Cavalier, 44, Shawna Cox, 59, and Ryan Payne, 32, during a traffic stop Tuesday afternoon. Authorities said another person, Joseph Donald O'Shaughnessy, 45, was arrested in Burns. In a statement, the FBI said one individual "who was a subject of a federal probable cause arrest is deceased."**



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**LaVoy Finicum, a rancher from Arizona, speaks to the media after members of an armed group along with several other organizations arrive at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near Burns on Jan. 9. The FBI and Oregon State Police arrested the leaders of an armed group that has occupied a national wildlife refuge for the past three weeks during a traffic stop that prompted gunfire — and one death — along a highway through the frozen high country. The Oregonian reported that Finicum was the person killed, citing the man's daughter.**

For weeks law from the roads surrounding enforcement vehicles have the refuge. Wednesday, been noticeably absent however, marked law

## ONLINE

Audio from the John Day town hall meeting will be available at [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com), courtesy of the Blue Mountain Eagle.

enforcement cars are dotted throughout the region. The FBI and Oregon State Police said they were setting up checkpoints and only allowing ranchers who own property in specific areas to pass.

Police and news media have converged on the nearby town of Burns, where most hotels are booked to capacity.

Brand Thornton, one of Bundy's supporters, said he left the refuge Monday and wasn't sure what those remaining would do.

"The entire leadership is gone," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "I wouldn't blame any of them for leaving."

Thornton called the arrests "a dirty trick" by law enforcement.

In addition to Ammon Bundy, those arrested were: his brother Ryan Bundy, 43; Brian Cavalier, 44; Shawna Cox, 59; and Ryan Payne, 32 — apprehended during the traffic stop on U.S. Highway 395 Tuesday afternoon. Authorities said two others — Joseph Donald O'Shaughnessy, 45, and Peter Santilli, 50 — were arrested separately in Burns, while FBI agents in Arizona arrested another, Jon Eric Ritzheimer, 32.

Each will face a federal felony charge of conspiracy to impede officers of the United States from discharging their official

duties through the use of force, intimidation or threats, authorities said.

Law enforcement previously had taken a hands-off approach, reflecting lessons learned during bloody standoffs at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho, during the 1990s.

Many residents of Harney County, where the refuge is located, have been among those demanding that Bundy leave. Many sympathize with his criticism of federal land management policies but opposed the refuge takeover.

"I am pleased that the FBI has listened to the concerns of the local community and responded to the illegal activity occurring in Harney County by outside extremists," U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, said in a statement.

The Bundys are the sons of Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, who was involved in a high-profile 2014 standoff with the government over grazing rights.

The group, calling themselves Citizens for Constitutional Freedom, came to the frozen high desert of eastern Oregon to decry what it calls onerous federal land restrictions and to object to the prison sentences of two local ranchers convicted of setting fires.

Associated Press reporters Rebecca Boone in Boise, Idaho, Gene Johnson and Lisa Baumann in Seattle and Terrence Petty and Kristena Hansen in Portland contributed to this report.

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## Man who tried to arrest Astoria mayor wants trial outside Clatsop County

By DERRICK  
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The Daily Astorian

The man who tried to arrest Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear last June wants his trial moved out of Clatsop County.

Zachary Seidel was set to face trial Tuesday on criminal trespass, disorderly conduct and interfering with a police officer but the trial was postponed until March after Seidel did not appear at a pretrial hearing last week. A warrant was issued for Seidel's arrest and he was taken into custody Sunday.

The 30-year-old appeared

in Circuit Court Tuesday afternoon in handcuffs and dressed in a striped jail jumpsuit for a hearing on his request to replace his court-appointed attorney, Tatjana Queener, of Tillamook.

Seidel told Judge Philip Nelson that he wanted to represent himself because of a "strategic difference" with Queener on his defense.

"I would rather not be at odds with my representation going forward," Seidel said.

After Nelson explained the legal risks of acting as his own attorney, Seidel agreed to proceed with Queener serving

as an adviser.

In late February, the court will hear Seidel's request for a change of venue outside of Clatsop County. Queener, speaking after court, cited news coverage of Seidel's case in The Daily Astorian as a potential reason.

Seidel sought to make a citizen's arrest of LaMear at a City Council meeting in June, and then tried to arrest Police Chief Brad Johnston before Johnston tackled him to the ground in front of stunned residents.

Seidel was upset that LaMear would not let him speak about a council agenda item on moving a Verizon Wireless communications tower off Coxcomb Hill that had been discussed before Seidel showed up at the meeting.



Zachary Seidel

## Stamper joins newspaper's advertising team

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

It started when Anna Stamper recently delivered an order from the Downtown Coffee Shop to the advertising team at The Daily Astorian.

Now Stamper, an Oregon Coast native, is introducing herself to downtown Astoria as the newspaper's newest advertising representative.

Stamper's arrival is part of a restructuring of the newspaper's advertising department, with ad representative Brandy Stewart transferring to Seaside and taking on the accounts of Wendy Richardson, who died in December after suffering an aneurysm. Taking over Stewart's previous accounts in the Astoria-Warrenton region is Lisa Cadonau. Stamper is taking over Cadonau's previous downtown accounts.

Advertising is a new world

for Stamper, who before moving to Astoria was a social studies and humanities teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia.

Stamper moved to Astoria in July to be close to her family members, spread between her hometown of Coos Bay and Whidbey Island, Washington. She cut her teeth in downtown working for the Wet Dog Cafe and later the Downtown Coffee Shop until it transferred ownership earlier this month.

While she enjoys the outdoors and coastal living, Stamper said she also feels at home in Astoria, a U.S. Coast Guard city, after serving nine years in the guard. After high school, Stamper attended the

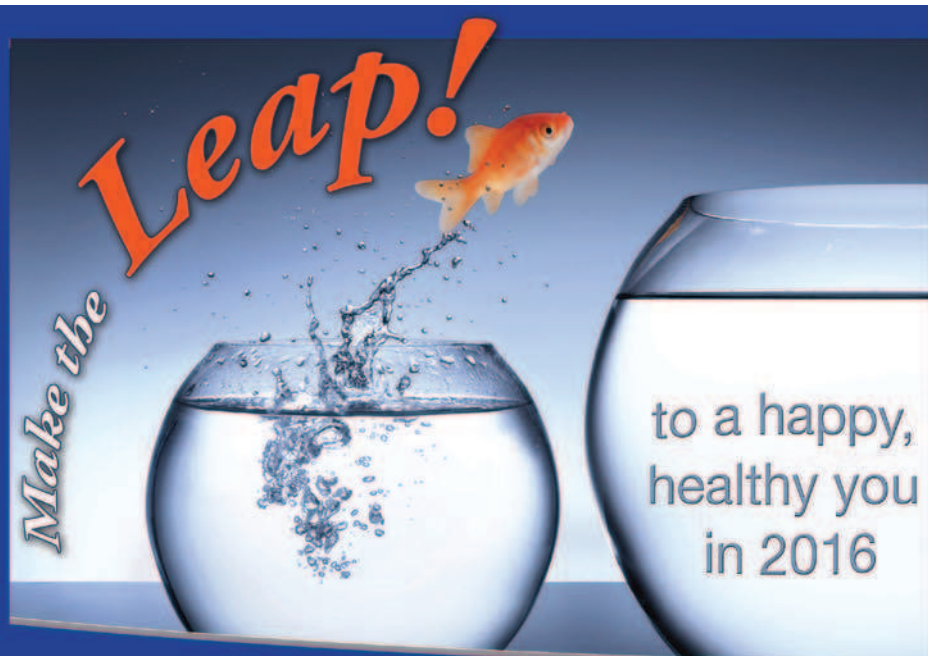
Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, for four years, earning a bachelor's degree in government and a commission as an ensign, an entry-level officer.

She served two years on the Coast Guard cutter Mellon, safeguarding fisheries in Alaska's Bering Sea and apprehending drug and migrant smugglers on the Mexican border, and another five years in law enforcement at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"Through working at the coffee shop, I got to know many of the business owners and employees," Stamper said. "I'm looking forward to seeing them in a capacity in which I can help out with their advertising."



Anna Stamper



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