

## Memorial Day patrols to focus on seat belts

The Hood River County Sheriff's Office will increase traffic patrols for both the upcoming Memorial holiday weekend.

The Sheriff's Office receives grant funds to increase patrols for both DUII and seatbelt enforcement through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The goal is to reduce traffic crashes and increase safety through high visibility enforcement. The Sheriff's Office urges everyone to drive with care, wear a safety belt and to please not drive when using substances that impair, including prescription medication, alcohol, marijuana or any other impairing substance. Please report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911.

Beginning May 18 until May 31, the Hood River City Police Department

will be conducting a two week traffic safety Blitz campaign. The focus will be on seat belts, speed, and cell phone use while driving.

The purpose of this traffic enforcement is to promote safety, compliance, and to reduce the number of motor vehicle related injuries or deaths. This enforcement campaign will take place throughout the state.

Oregon law requires a child weighing less than 40 pounds to be properly restrained by a child safety seat. A child under one year of age or weighing less than 20 pounds must be restrained in a rear-facing child seat.

A child over 40 pounds but under age eight or less than 4 feet, 9 inches tall must be restrained in either a child seat with a harness system or in a booster seat that raises the child up so that a lap and shoulder belt system fit correctly.



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

## MAY ST. ENFORCEMENT

Hood River Police officer Juan Pulido gives tickets Thursday in the restricted parking zone in front of May Street School. Permanent signs note that unattended vehicles are prohibited at weekday drop-off and pick-up times, and portable signs remind drivers it is a "Kiss and Go Only" zone. Pulido said he noticed violations and ticketed drivers who had been gone longer than five minutes. He added it had been a year or so since similar action at the location.

## Marina shooting suspect to appear in court May 27

By PATRICK MULVIHILL  
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A Kamiah, Idaho man suspected of shooting a Eugene man at the Hood River marina in April will appear before a judge in two weeks.

Tyson Sackett, 29, of Kamiah, who was charged with shooting Mark Wright, 60, of Eugene, at the marina on April 25 will appear at the Hood River County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 27. Sackett is a former Parkdale

resident, who was living in Kamiah for the last three years.

Sackett was arraigned Monday, April 27 on three charges: attempted murder, assault first degree and tampering with evidence. If convicted, Sackett faces up to life in prison for attempted murder, a minimum of 7.5



Tyson Sackett

years for assault first degree and \$6,000 in fines for tampering with evidence.

At the arraignment, Judge John Olson set Sackett's bail at \$50,000 and ordered that Sackett have no contact with the victim, as well as no possession of intoxicants or deadly weapons.

Sackett appeared again before Olson at the court Tuesday via video feed from Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility in The Dalles.

Sackett's attorney, Brian Starns, requested to enter the defendant's plea at a later date in order to have more time to receive evidence. "There are numerous items we have not yet received," said Starns. He listed medical records and audio recordings as items he still had not secured.

Olson scheduled for Sackett to appear again Wednesday May 27.

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cess of a recent open house at the college's Fort Dalles Readiness Center, and made passing mention of "a recent violent incident" occurring in the same location.

Late in the meeting, board member Stu Watson brought up the subject and asked for more information.

"I talked to Mr. Pytel and he was pretty vocal about his concern over progress and the administration's response to this," Watson said.

Pytel said he had asked the college Board of Education to investigate and is demanding information about past incidents and the policy on notifying others of such incidents.

"A student could walk in any time he chooses, and nothing is being done to prevent it," said Hood River instructor Tim Schell.

According to reports, Pytel was repeatedly pushed by student Kelly B. Petteys, 50, of Parkdale, who was apparently upset over a test. Pytel, who has martial arts training, got the man into a hold with help of two students, until police arrived. Petteys was arrested on charges of harassment, second-degree disorderly conduct, second-degree criminal trespass, fourth-degree assault and resisting arrest, said The Dalles police Chief Jay Waterbury.

Van Valkenburgh told Robb Van Cleave that he wants to meet with academic dean Laurie Ufford and facilities director Jim Austin "before the next meeting" to deal with Pytel's concerns.

Watson said, "It's a month before (the next meeting) and meanwhile (Petteys) is out on bond. Have you added any security personnel? Has anyone got (Pytel's) back?"

Van Valkenburgh initially said that the issue "involves a personnel matter, adding "we do need to take quick action," a sentiment reiterated by board members Dr. James

Wilcox and Ernie Keller.

Van Cleave said, "we are working on it right now. Yes, we have his back." Van Cleave initially told the board Tuesday he was hesitant to say much because Pytel had informed the board he had contracted legal counsel. "When someone is threatening litigation you have to be careful," he said. Van Cleave largely deferred to academic director Lori Ufford, who is handling the administrative response, as it is governed by policy on student-on-staff violence, rather than general policy.

"We're still working with (Pytel) to meet his requests," Van Cleave said.

Van Cleave provided some details on what the current emergency response procedures are in college facilities, which include lockable doors, phones in each room and selected staff throughout the campus who are trained in texting procedures in case of an active shooter or other incident, to alert others in the buildings.

"The best response is to call 9-1-1," he said.

In the April 29 incident, "the cops were on their way well before we even knew about the incident," Van Cleave said.

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In other business:

The college will need to allocate \$300,000 in contingency funds to cover excess costs related to instruction in the spring term, according to financial officer Will Norris. The board approved Norris' recommendation to bring the matter to the board for consideration at its June meeting.

Norris said that faculty wage data from the first month of spring term suggests that instruction is on track to exceed \$4 million in expenses for the first time in college history.

Norris said this "overage" is due in part to the high number of courses that are under enrolled: 50 courses with fewer than 12 students - the class minimum, under college policy - and 21 class-

es have fewer than eight students.

"We're spending a lot of money to teach under enrolled classes," Norris said.

Board member Ernie Keller asked if "the ratio was likely to repeat itself" in future terms.

Norris replied that according to Ufford (who was not present) minimum class sizes will be enforced.

"The number of courses will be brought in line with enrollment," Norris said.

He noted that classes cost \$3,500-\$4,000 to operate, and "you multiply the number of under enrolled by the number of courses" to figure the deficit.

Keller asked, "I presume we are running these (under enrolled) courses to serve the students?"

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## NICHOLS

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street clothes with no visible restraints" in future court appearances — a response to a March 17 motion by Arnold asking that Nichols appear free of "restraints by any means, including shackles and a stun belt," on the grounds that appearing with visible restraints would violate Nichols' right to a fair trial.

Arnold indicated other motions he had filed in court over the last few months.

In March, Arnold moved

that the state give notice of any evidence of "alleged prior crimes, wrongs, or acts" it intends to offer at trial, and moved to suppress all statements made by Nichols during his interrogation by detectives at the San Francisco airport in February.

Arnold also motioned for authorities to return some of Nichols' personal items seized at the arrest, including his luggage and "personal documents" which he claimed had "no evidentiary value in the cases currently pending against him."

No action was taken on the motions, but Olson set Nichols' next pre-trial hearing tentatively for August 3.

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