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Final plea in home invasion murder

Teen getaway driver gets 10 years, apologizes for his part in crime

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Three young men in late January 2013 concocted a plan to rob an elderly Umapine woman. Two of the men forced their way into the home of Joyce Key. They robbed her and beat her and left her bound to a chair, unconscious and bloody on a kitchen floor.

Months later at the age of 80 she died.

Jacob Lee White, 20, was the youngest of the three. He drove the getaway car. He is now going to join his cohorts in prison.

White in June 2014 pleaded guilty to first-degree robbery and burglary. The other end of that deal arrived Tuesday morning in circuit court in Pendleton, when the state dismissed charges that included kidnapping and murder, and Judge Christopher Brauer sentenced White to prison for 10 years.

Key's son, Gary Key, and his wife, Cindy, were in court. Five

members of White's family also were present.

Dan Wendel, prosecutor for the Oregon Department of Justice, assisted Umatilla County District Attorney Dan Primus and said if this went to trial the state could convict White of murder. Wendel called the deal a "good outcome."

Defense attorney Brendon Alexander said there was little good in all this. White was a high school graduate and unsure of what to do with his life, the attorney said, then one night agreed to commit a crime "over the promise of a bag of marijuana."

White drove Caleb Leon John Scott and Matthew Raymond Hermann to Key's home. Scott and Hermann burst into the house, but White never did, according to police search warrant affidavits. Scott and Hermann made plea deals in March. Scott, 23, is serving 18 years for first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary and second-degree kidnapping. Hermann, 22, is serving a life



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Jacob Lee White is going to prison for 10 years after sentencing Tuesday in Pendleton for his part in a home invasion that led to the death of a Umapine woman.

sentence for assaulting and murdering Key.

Alexander said White had a sense something bad was happening in the home, but he could not stand up for himself and leave. Brauer



Hermann
• Life in prison, assault, murder

Scott
• 18 years, robbery, burglary, kidnapping

apologized to the Keys, but Wendel objected. Brauer said the apology was already done.

Randy White then berated Umatilla County sheriff's detectives and the district attorney for convincing his son to wear a recording device to gather information on the other defendants. He also criticized the *East Oregonian*, which used public records to report White cooperated with police.

"I believe all my son's rights were taken away in this court," Randy White said.

Brauer cut off the rant. Alexander directed Randy White to talk about his son.

"My son was a good kid," he said, "he's never done anything wrong, he never hurt anybody."

Jacob White's mother, Lynn Marie White, testified her son was her best friend and enjoyed helping neighbors. He could not have been a better child, she said.

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

A kid's gotta eat

A mother goat nurses her kid while grazing on the River Parkway near Southeast 10th Street on Tuesday in Pendleton. There are three groups of goats working on clearing the banks of the Umatilla River in the Pendleton area. By clearing out the weeds and excess vegetation the goats help reduce fire risks and help spur the growth of native vegetation.

PENDLETON

Huff, puff, pass

Council talks walkways, dispensaries, puts off votes until next meeting

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

The Pendleton City Council during a three-hour meeting Tuesday decided to let a year-long moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries expire before creating new regulations.

After talking through the issue for the past few months both in council meetings and public forums, the council reversed a number of decisions made by the planning commission and unanimously voted to extend the public hearing to the next meeting. This will allow staff to make the desired changes to the ordinance and give the public a chance at input.

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Umatilla votes to extend marijuana ban 4 months

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

A 10-minute special session was all it took for the Umatilla city council to extend its moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries for another four months.

The stated intent of the original year-long moratorium, set to end May 1, was to give the city enough time to craft rules for the dispensaries. But City Manager Bob Ward said the city's planning commission won't have its overhaul of the city's commercial zone rules finished

until May 5 at the earliest, a few marijuana-related bills are still going through the legislative process and the city hasn't worked out rules for dispensary licensing yet.

"Things are still a little bit loose out there for us to be rushed into a decision," he said.

Ward said he thought the city would probably have a comprehensive set of regulations on dispensaries before then, but "120 days will certainly get us where we need to be."

The only citizen to tes-

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NYC to announce Earth Day plan to cut waste by 90 percent by 2030

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nation's biggest city, in a far-reaching effort to limit its impact on the environment, is set to mark Earth Day by announcing the ambitious goal of reducing its waste output by 90 percent by 2030.

The Zero Waste plan, which includes an overhaul of the city's recycling program, incentives to reduce waste and tacit support for the City Council's plan to dramatically reduce the use of plastic shopping bags, will be announced by



Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio on Wednesday. Its goal is sweeping: New York would be the largest city in the Western Hemisphere to adopt the plan, which aims to reduce the amount of its waste by more than 3 million

tons from its 2005 level of about 3.6 million tons.

The waste reduction plan is part of an update to the sustainability project named PlaNYC, created by de Blasio's predecessor, Michael Bloomberg, to provide a framework for mitigating the impacts of population growth and a changing climate on the city's infrastructure. De Blasio, who largely praised PlaNYC, is keeping its components but rebranding it OneNYC.

"The average New Yorker throws out nearly 15 pounds

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