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## One dead, Bundys arrested

Associated Press

**BURNS** — 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.

Militant leader Ammon Bundy and his followers were reportedly heading to a community meeting at the senior center in John Day, about 70 miles north of Burns, to address local residents to discuss their views on federal management of public lands.

In a statement, the FBI and Oregon State Police said agents had made eight arrests: Bundy, 40; his brother Ryan Bundy, 43; Brian Cavalier, 44; Shawna Cox, 59; and Ryan Payne, 32, during a 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. Authorities released few other details. A new conference with the FBI, local sheriff and other was scheduled for late Wednesday morning.

Oregon State Police confirmed that its troopers were involved in the traffic-stop shooting. One of those arrested, described only as a man, suffered non-life-threat-

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Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, 55, Arizona



Ammon Bundy, 40, Emmett, Idaho



Ryan Bundy, 43, Bunkerville, Nevada



Brian Cavalier, 44, Bunkerville, Nevada



Ryan Payne, 32, Anaconda, Montana



Shawna Cox, 59, Kanab, Utah

Total of eight protesters were charged with federal felony charge of conspiracy to impede officers of the United States from doing their official duties through use of force, intimidation or threats.

## Town hall carries on in John Day

Meeting was destination of Bundy militants

By GEORGE PLAVERN  
East Oregonian

Grant County residents filled the John Day Senior Center beyond capacity Tuesday evening for a community meeting that was supposed to feature Ammon Bundy and leaders of the armed militia group occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Instead, Bundy and four other militants were arrested by the FBI on Highway 395 north of Burns before they could arrive. A sixth member of the group was shot and killed during the encounter. The news drew tears and anger from militia supporters at the meeting, who described it as an "ambush."

Yet the gathering pressed on, evolving into a town hall with the majority of speakers siding with Bundy and venting their frustrations with the federal government. Organizer Tad Hought, of Canyon City, promised the crowd there would be another meeting in the very near future.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Tad Hought of Canyon City breaks the news to the audience that the Bundys had been arrested before the start of the public meeting where the brothers were to speak on Tuesday in John Day.

"We're not going to stop," Hought said. "We're not going to take this anymore."

Bundy and the militia leaders had been occupying the wildlife refuge near Burns since Jan. 2. They

demanding the 187,757-acre bird sanctuary be returned to the county for ranching, while criticizing the federal government's overall ownership and management of public lands.

The militia also protested

the sentences of two Harney County ranchers, Dwight and Steven Hammond, who were convicted of arson and given five years in prison for setting fires on federal land. Bundy and supporters have called for the Hammonds'

immediate release.

In John Day, the majority of people who approached the microphone during the town hall were supportive of Bundy and the armed protest. A smaller counter-protest was held outside

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the senior center, with roughly 30 people holding signs directing their ire at both the militia and Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer.

Palmer, who stood by in uniform at the beginning of the meeting, declined to speak with media. When it became clear Bundy would not arrive, Hought told the crowd it appeared there had been an altercation somewhere between John Day and Burns. News later circulated about the arrests and gunfire, and later the death of Robert "LaVoy" Finicum.

One by one, residents came to the front of the room to speak their minds. Larry Lent, of John Day, argued the militants had every right to be in Oregon and said government overreach has been going on for a long time.

"I support the Hammonds and the Bundys 100 percent," Lent said. "To hell with the FBI. They don't

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**PENDLETON**

## Residents escape house fire

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

Fire gutted most of a Pendleton home Tuesday morning, sending two people to the hospital.

Terra Miller, 25, and her small son escaped the blaze at 104 S.E. Goodwin Ave., as did at least four others thanks to Miller, according to her father, Kirby Miller.

He said Terra Miller called him at about 9:30 Tuesday morning from her apartment on the east side of the house, screaming she was asleep and woke to find her arm on fire. He said she told him there were flames on the bed, and she

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Staff photo by Phil Wright

Fire burns through an apartment Tuesday morning at 104 S.E. Goodwin Ave., Pendleton.

## Dispatch failure prompts sheriff to make swift change

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

The Umatilla County regional 9-1-1 dispatch center failed to notify police last Thursday after receiving a call about possible gunshots near Pilot Rock Elementary School.

Sheriff Terry Rowan said that was a mistake, and he has since changed procedures to make sure it does not happen again.

A school employee called 9-1-1 at 2:08 p.m. Thursday to report hearing six to eight gunshots near the school. Steve Staniak, school principal and the district's superintendent, said children were out at recess when staff heard the noise and hustled them into the school.

"We actually went into lockdown and lock out," he said, the procedures to keep students and

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