

**PUBLIC SAFETY LOG**

**TUESDAY**

2:35 a.m. - Someone rang a doorbell three times in five minutes at a home on Darby Lane, Stanfield, but did not stick around.

3:15 a.m. - Oregon State Police asked other officers to keep an eye out for a silver Nissan 350Z with Texas plates headed west on Interstate 84 from milepost 234 after it stopped in the middle of the road and drove erratically, nearly causing multiple crashes.

3:22 a.m. - A man harassed a cashier at the Crossroads Truck Stop, 2020 Highway 730, Umatilla, because she was his ex-girlfriend, then damaged a phone at the business and left.

7:41 a.m. - A man on Highway 339, Milton-Freewater, reported a break-in and theft of his TV, laptop, a rifle and more. He also said the lawbreakers tore his front door off the hinges.

8:23 a.m. - A Pendleton mother told police her son is missing again. She said she was driving when he became verbally abusive with her, and she told him if he got out she would report him as a runaway. She said he told her "Good luck with that," and got out of the car.

8:40 a.m. - Garbage and weeds all over the property at a home on Southeast 18th Street, Pendleton, prompted a neighbor to call police and report the place was a mess.

9:59 a.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received information of someone living in a camp trailer with a portable toilet and trash "all around it" at a place on the Umatilla River that does not use the preferred nomenclature to refer to Chinese-Americans.

10:05 a.m. - A man told Pendleton police someone stole his tires from Northwest General Services, 5101 N.W. A Ave.

10:07 a.m. - A Pendleton caller on Northwest Carden Avenue reported a junior high school student has been stealing cigarettes butts off her porch and she was concerned the thefts may escalate.

10:18 a.m. - A farmer ran off a man who tried to steal hay on Pleasant View Road, Milton-Freewater. The caller identified the suspect as his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend.

11:09 a.m. - A member of the Umatilla County Road Department reported someone dumped more tires at Spofford and Walla Walla River roads, Milton-Freewater. He also talked to the owner of the vehicle that dumped tires, and the owner said his child did it and it would not happen again. That's good, because according to the road worker the county will spend \$700 to dispose of the tires.

11:50 a.m. - A Umatilla-area man reported his brother is harassing him via text message and calling him and accusing him of having an affair with his sister-in-law.

12:18 p.m. - Pendleton police received a request to make sure people were safe at the railroad track crossing on Northwest McKennon Road because the train undergoing service blocked the tracks and people were going under the crossing arms.

12:21 p.m. - A client at Horizon Projects, 1307 S.W. 10th Court, Pendleton, destroyed property and tried to hit staff.

3:28 p.m. - Pendleton police received a report of a man having inappropriate contact with minors at Pendleton High School and the Bedford Bridge.

3:40 p.m. - Umatilla police received a 9-1-1 call about a house on Madison Street "playing really loud music."

9:28 p.m. - Water leaking from a ceiling at a building on Dean Avenue, Umatilla, triggered fire alarms.

**ARRESTS, CITATIONS**

- Pendleton arrested a man on warrants at Dairy Queen, 1415 S.W. Court Ave., after a caller at 7:22 p.m. reported a man in the restaurant was intoxicated and "completely passed out."
- Boardman police arrested Marcelo Camacho Rea, 18, of Boardman, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
- Hermiston police arrested Jason Richard Easton, 21, no address provided, for DUI and hit and run, property.
- Umatilla County Community Justice arrested Rick Henry Cearns, 25, of Hermiston, for a felony probation violation and possession of a Schedule II drug.

**BRIEFLY**

**Alzheimer's support group welcomes speaker**

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Area Alzheimer Association support group will discuss "The Challenges of Providing Care in the Home" with guest speaker Jennifer Baus Samoska during its meeting Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Medical Center pavilion, 610 N.W. 11th St.

Samoska is on the Washington Alzheimer Association Speaker Bureau and she and her family own several elder care facilities.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact group facilitator Cathy Lloyd at 458-206-6337.

**Slam Dunk the Junk on April 2**

UMATILLA — Umatilla residents ready to do some spring cleaning can Slam Dunk the Junk on April 2-3.

The city's community cleanup weekend will kick off at 8:30 a.m. at city hall on Saturday, April 2 as volunteers get organized into groups and spread out across the city to help clean up properties around town.

Dumpsters will also be located around the city during the weekend for people to dump items for free, including one at the Port of Umatilla offices at 505 Willamette St., one

on Eighth Street behind city hall and a scrap metal dumpster at 1205 Third St.

City manager Russ Pelleberg said the event has been an enjoyable one to volunteer for in the past and helps give people incentive to clear out their yards and spruce up Umatilla's image.

"The whole idea is to get the town cleaned up," he said.

At 12:30 p.m. volunteers will be invited to take a break and enjoy a barbecue at city hall.

To sign up to be a volunteer or to request help from a volunteer crew in getting junk removed from a property, visit city hall at 700 Sixth St. or call 541-922-3226.

**Fun walk to benefit Youngman**

PENDLETON — A benefit 5K fun run/walk is planned to raise money for Kathryn Youngman.

Proceeds will benefit the Pendleton High School teacher, who is fighting cancer for the third time.

The event is Saturday, April 2 with registration at 8:30 a.m. at McKay Creek Elementary School, 1539 S.W. 44th St., Pendleton. The walk/run will begin at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

Pre-registration forms are available at any Pendleton school or Dean's Athletic. For more information, call Jodi Primus 541-969-3693.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Antonio Jimenez Jr.**

**Pendleton**  
**May 2, 1988-March 19, 2016**

Antonio Jimenez Jr., 27, of Pendleton died Saturday, March 19, 2016, in Richland, Wash. He was born May 2, 1988, in Pendleton. Recitation of the rosary will be held Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. A funeral mass will be held Friday, March 25 at 12 noon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

**Janet Kelly**

**Pendleton**  
**March 18, 1951-March 17, 2016**

Janet Kelly, 64, of Pendleton died Thursday, March 17, 2016, at her home. She was born March 18, 1951, in Tillamook. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 26 at 1 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24**

**JIMENEZ, TONY** — Recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

**DYER, RAY** — Graveside funeral service with military honors at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

**JIMENEZ, TONY** — Funeral mass at 12 noon at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.

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For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

**MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24**  
**SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD**, 12 noon, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION**, 1 p.m. conference call, Blue Mountain Community College Pioneer Hall boardroom, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

**LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**, 1-3 p.m., Stafford Hansell Government Building, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

**UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25**  
**EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENTS CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD**, 7 a.m., Stafford Hansell Government

Center, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

**MONDAY, MARCH 28**  
**NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD**, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Pendleton.

**UMATILLA BASIN WATER-SHED COUNCIL**, 6 p.m., Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston OR Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

**HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL**, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St.

**IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon.

**MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Sand Hollow Room, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

**Man descends tree, ending 25-hour drama**

By GENE JOHNSON  
*Associated Press*

SEATTLE — Chef Michelle Matsko paused as she walked to work Wednesday, gazed up from beneath her red umbrella and marveled: After a full day, a man still was perched near the top of an 80-foot-tall sequoia tree in the middle of a shopping district in downtown Seattle.

"I'm really impressed," she said. "It's been raining. He's a trouper."

The unidentified man finally climbed down safely just before noon, having transfixed the city and the Internet for 25 hours while police closed adjacent streets and tried to coax him down.

As onlookers cheered and chanted "Man In Tree" — in deference to the Twitter hashtag by which he became known — he sat down near the base of the conifer and appeared to be chomping on a piece of fruit.

Officers initially kept their distance but soon approached the man, got him on a gurney and took him for a medical evaluation.

Reasons for the drama remained unclear. At times, the man appeared agitated, gestured wildly, yelled and threw apples and branches at officers. Police tried to speak with him from a firetruck ladder and the sixth-floor windows of the Macy's department store next door.

For some, the ordeal raised questions about the city's ballooning homeless population, though police had not confirmed whether the man was homeless. Mayor Ed Murray declared a state of emergency as deaths of homeless people mounted last fall, and the city has authorized new tent cities and safe parking lots for those living without shelter or in their vehicles.

Janice Wilson, who was in town from



Grant Hindsley/seattlepi.com via AP

**A man sits in an 80-foot tall tree in downtown Seattle, Tuesday, after he climbed nearly to the top, disrupting traffic. Police say when authorities arrived, the man refused to speak with them and threw an apple at medics.**

Crescent City, California, to help her son deal with his mental health and legal troubles, said she was homeless herself 30 years ago.

She repeatedly shouted up to the man: "We love you! Come down safely!"

"I heard people out here laughing," she said. "If somebody's in crisis to the point of putting himself at risk of suicide, what's to laugh about?"

After the man climbed down, the Seattle Police Department tweeted a photo of the tree-like creature named Groot from the "Guardians of the Galaxy" movie with the caption, "Groot job, everybody."

The tweet was just part of the online commotion the incident sparked, with new Twitter accounts dedicated to it and the hashtag #ManInTree trending on Twitter and Facebook. A local TV

station live-streamed video of the man as he dozed, shouted and knocked around a stick.

Many passers-by, seeming bemused by the man's antics, pulled out their cellphones Wednesday to snap pictures of his silhouette, accentuated by a long, bushy beard, against the gray morning sky.

Police said they know who the man is but did not release his identity.

"We are now working with him trying to get a clearer picture of what exactly led to this point," said Detective Patrick Michaud. "We'll be able to work with him as he is in the hospital try to get this whole thing figured out."

Seattle Department of Transportation officials said they will review the health of the tree, believed to have been transplanted there in the 1970s.

**80-year-old pot dealer gets 10 years after colorful history**

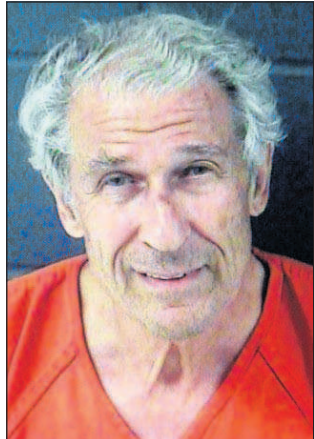
*Associated Press*

BOSTON — An 80-year-old man who ran a sprawling marijuana-dealing operation that covered several states, with records going back to 1992, was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Marshall Dion pleaded guilty last year to drug and money-laundering charges, and Tuesday's sentencing in Massachusetts was the latest chapter in a long, colorful history with law enforcement.

In 1985, he crashed a single-engine plane he was piloting in Kenosha County, Wisnconsin, breaking both his ankles. When sheriff's deputies arrived, he was crawling along a muddy field as money floated in the air. The government was allowed to keep nearly \$112,000 in cash recovered from the crash scene after a judge found it was likely drug proceeds, but Dion was not charged criminally.

When police in Junction City, Kansas, stopped him for speeding in 2013, they found about \$828,000 in



Junction City Police Department via AP  
**This June 2013 file photo shows Marshall Dion of Tucson, Ariz.**

cash in his pickup truck. A federal investigation led authorities to Massachusetts and Arizona, where they found about \$15 million in cash, nearly 400 pounds of marijuana and ledgers detailing drug deals going back to 1992.

Earlier this month, U.S. District Judge Denise Casper rejected a plea agreement that called for a five- to seven-year prison sentence for Dion. His lawyers then reached a new agreement with prosecutors that called

for a sentence range of five to 10 years. Judge Denise Casper sentenced him to the maximum during a hearing in U.S. District Court.

Dion has been in custody since his arrest in 2013, so he has already served 2 1/2 years of his sentence. He declined to address the court during his sentencing hearing.

Dion's lawyer, Hank Brennan, recommended a five-year sentence. He said Dion was nonviolent and

lived a simple life, despite the large quantities of cash his business made.

"He didn't have that lure of greed and power and oppression. He is a simple man who lived a very routine and habit-filled life," Brennan said after the hearing.

Prosecutors recommended a sentence of a little over six years. A spokeswoman for prosecutors did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

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 4 p.m.: 9-1-6-0  
 7 p.m.: 0-7-9-5  
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