



The sun breaks through the clouds illuminating the foothills of the Blue Mountains on Tuesday east of Pendleton. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

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HERMISTON Stabbing leads to attempted murder charge

By JENNIFER COLTON
East Oregonian

Richard David Taylor, 32, also known as Richard David Heathman, is facing an attempted murder charge after stabbing a Hermiston woman and attempting to strangle a Hermiston police officer.

On March 17, Hermiston Police and Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Sunland Avenue in Hermiston. While paramedics treated a 41-year-old woman with a stab wound to her neck, officers searched the neighborhood and apprehended Taylor, going by the alias Richard D. Heathman. While in transport to the jail in Pendleton, Taylor damaged the patrol car and tried to choke Cpl. Doug Gill with a seatbelt.



Taylor

The woman was hospitalized, treated and released.

On March 23, a grand jury indicted Taylor on charges of attempted murder, first-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon against another, attempted escape, criminal mischief, attempted assault of a public safety officer and attempted strangulation.

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Pendleton Fire Capt. Mark Easley holds one of the department's new hand-held FLIR K55 thermal imaging cameras displaying the heat signature of firefighter Jaclyn Berentsen on Tuesday in Pendleton. Pendleton Fire recently was able to replace its old infrared detectors with a next-generation models.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



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To see video of the new infrared camera in action go to eastoregonian.com

Firefighting goes infrared

New cameras will help find victims faster, identify hot spots

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

Hoses and axes are familiar fire department equipment, but forward looking infrared thermal imaging cameras are not.

The Pendleton Fire Department recently purchased two new cameras and demonstrated their capabilities Tuesday.

Capt. Mark Easley turned off the lights in a small room in the fire

station and pointed it at paramedic Jaclyn Berentsen.

Even though the room was pitch black, the hand-held camera was able to detect Berentsen's body heat, giving her a ghostly glow on the monitor.

During emergency situations, the camera can cut through smoke and other eyesight barriers to more quickly find people in need of rescue.

Easley said the camera is also

useful after fires, when firefighters need to scan a property for hot spots that might reignite.

The camera also features the ability to capture stills or video, which the fire department can use later for training purposes.

Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo said the new cameras are an upgrade over the department's older thermal imaging cameras, which could not differentiate temperature easily.

Reading temperatures is a valu-

able feature, Ciraulo said, because firefighters need to know whether an area is too hot to enter.

Ciraulo is well aware of the value of the camera.

At his previous job with the Clark County Fire & Rescue in Southwestern Washington, Ciraulo and other emergency personnel responded to a car crash in a rural part of the county.

The responders removed a person from the car and cleared the scene only to discover much later

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Imnaha wolf pack strikes again

Ranchers request lethal action after two more depredations confirmed

By SCOT HEISEL
EO Media Group

State wildlife officials on Monday confirmed two more wolf depredations on private land in Wallowa County. That makes four such kills that have been documented by the Imnaha Pack this month.

The most recent incidents were reported and investigated Monday and involved a pair of dead calves in rangeland pasture. Wildlife officials determined that one calf was killed

sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning, while the other likely was killed Monday morning and was still warm when an investigator arrived on scene.

Both heifer calves weighed approximately 700 lbs., according to ODFW incident reports, and each had signs of numerous bite wounds and scrapes. A third, live calf was found in the same pasture with "numerous bite wounds and severe tissue damage on both hind legs."

Incident reports indicate fresh wolf tracks were discovered near the carcasses and GPS radio-collar data confirm two members of the Imnaha Pack — OR-4 and OR-39 — were in the area at the time.

ODFW investigators previ-

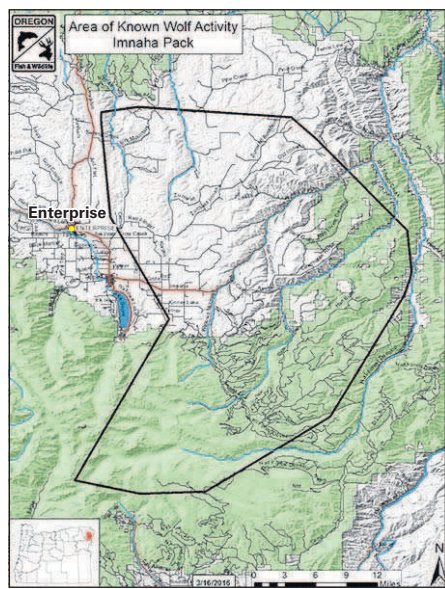
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ously confirmed a separate wolf depredation involving a calf in the same pasture on March 9. A fourth depredation, involving an adult male sheep, was confirmed about 3 miles away on March 25.

On March 17 ODFW officials released an updated map of the Area of Known Wolf Activity for the Imnaha Pack, which roams

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Courtesy of ODFW

Imnaha Pack area of known activity map, issued March 17.

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