

STABBING: Pleaded not guilty during arraignment

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The attempted murder, first-degree assault and unlawful use of a weapon charges stem from the domestic violence against the female victim, Umatilla County District Attorney Dan Primus said Tuesday, adding the assault is in the first degree because of the level of injury and the use of a weapon. The criminal mischief relates to damage to the patrol car, and the final two charges relate to the attack on Cpl. Gill.

Taylor pleaded not guilty during his arraignment.

Taylor is no stranger to the criminal justice system. His record includes:

- In May 2014, he pleaded guilty to attempted unlawful use of a firearm and was serving three years probation

on that charge.

- On Oct. 17, 2015, he pleaded not guilty of duii. The case is pending.

- On Feb. 26, 2016, he was arrested for driving while suspended and pleaded not guilty. That case is also pending.

Heathman is a known alias for Taylor, according to Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston.

Taylor is scheduled for a hearing April 4 for 11 charges on four pending cases, including probation violation, attempted murder, duii and driving while suspended. Trial on the attempted murder and related charges is tentatively set for May 10, according to Primus.

As of Tuesday, Taylor was incarcerated at the Umatilla County Jail on a bail of \$230,000.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

The FLIR thermal imaging cameras allows firefighters to search for victim's heat signature in low to no light conditions.

INFRARED: Bought two cameras with grant from the Wildhorse Foundation

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that a second person had been ejected from the car into a nearby wooded area, an oversight that could have been avoided if a thermal imaging camera had been used to scan the scene. Ciraulo regards the memory as an embarrassing event and a lesson learned.

Ciraulo has since had many positive experiences using the camera to find sources of smoke that are hard to find with the naked eye.

"I think in 50 years, it'll just be a part of normal life," he said, noting that non-professionals may find it helpful.

Although today's thermal imaging cameras come with

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— Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo

a hefty price tag, the fire department was able to buy two of them with a \$20,000 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation.

Ciraulo marketed the cameras as regional assets in the grant application and he's already working with city police and public works departments on ways to use the cameras outside the fire department.

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WOLVES: State is considering the request for lethal action

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primarily in Wallowa County. The newest AKWA map, last revised in December, now extends across much of the Zumwalt Prairie area north of Enterprise.

ODFW Wildlife Communications Coordinator Michelle Dennehy said the state is considering a request for lethal action that was made by some Wallowa County ranchers.

"Wolves have moved into a new area and the (Imnaha Pack) is showing new behavior up there," Dennehy said. "We're considering the

lethal request, but no decision has been made."

ODFW has filed official incident reports on nine wolf depredation investigations so far in 2016. Five have been confirmed depredations, one was categorized as "possible/unknown" and three were determined not to be related to wolves. The only confirmed wolf depredation this year that didn't occur in Wallowa County involved a heifer in Klamath County in late February.

Hijack drama ends in Cyprus with arrest of 'unstable' man

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — A man described as "psychologically unstable" hijacked a flight Tuesday from Egypt to Cyprus and threatened to blow it up. His explosives turned out to be fake, and he surrendered with all passengers released unharmed after a bizarre six-hour standoff.

As more became known about the motive of the 59-year-old Egyptian who was taken into custody, authorities characterized the commandeering of the EgyptAir jetliner not as an act of terrorism but more like a "family feud" with his former wife.

The aviation drama ended peacefully on the tarmac of Larnaca airport on the island nation's southern coast with the surrender of a man identified by Cypriot and Egyptian authorities as Seif Eddin Mustafa.

The incident was likely to renew concerns about Egyptian airport security months after a Russian passenger plane was blown out of the sky over the Sinai Peninsula in a bombing claimed by the Islamic State group.

But Egyptian officials stressed that their security



AP Photo/Amr Nabil

An Egyptian crew member of the hijacked domestic EgyptAir flight is hugged by his relatives upon the arrival at Cairo International airport, Egypt, Tuesday.

measures were not to blame, and there was praise for the EgyptAir flight crew. Pilot Amr Gamal told The Associated Press: "We rescued all the people and the man got arrested."

EgyptAir Flight 181 took off from the Mediterranean coastal city of Alexandria for a 30-minute hop to Cairo with at least 72 people aboard, Cyprus police said, including about two dozen foreigners.

At some point, the hijacker claimed to have explosives in his belt and forced the pilot to fly the Airbus 320 to Cyprus, Egyptian authorities said.

Egyptian passenger Farah el-Dabani told the Dubai-based Al-Arabiya TV network that the hijacker was seated in the back of the aircraft and that it was the crew who told passengers that the plane was being hijacked.

"There was panic at the beginning, but the crew told us to be quiet. They did a good job to keep us all quiet so the hijacker does not do anything rash," she said in a telephone interview.

After the jet landed in Larnaca about 9 a.m., the hijacker asked to speak to his Cypriot ex-wife, who was

brought to the airport, and he sent out a letter from the aircraft to give to her, said Cypriot Foreign Minister Ioannis Kasoulides.

The foreigners on board included eight Americans, four Britons, four Dutch, two Belgians, a French national, an Italian, two Greeks and one Syrian, the Egyptian Civil Aviation Ministry said. The nationalities of three other foreigners could not be determined immediately.

Most of the passengers were freed, and they calmly walked down a set of stairs from the plane, carrying their hand luggage and boarding a bus. But he kept on board seven people: four members of the flight crew and three passengers.

Mustafa later asked to speak to European Union representatives, and among his demands were the release of female inmates held in Egyptian prisons.

"It was one demand he made, then dropped it and made another," Kasoulides said. "His demands had no sense or were too incoherent to be taken seriously."

From the start, "it was clear that this wasn't an act of terrorism," he added.

Google buys more land in The Dalles

By MIKE ROGOWAY
The Oregonian

PORTLAND — Google has acquired 74 acres in The Dalles, making room for the company to add considerably to its growing data-center campus along the Columbia River.

The Dalles was home to Google's first corporate data center anywhere, opening back in 2006. The company steadily expanded on that original site and held a ceremonial groundbreaking Thursday on a new, \$600 million facility near its original site. It will bring Google's total investment in The Dalles to \$1.8 billion, consisting primarily of the expensive computers

running the data centers.

Google said it bought the new acreage from Northwest Aluminum, which operated a smelter nearby until 2000. Google didn't report terms of the deal and Wasco County said the sale price has yet to be recorded with the assessor's office.

Google's new property had been used by the Fort Dalles Rodeo Association since 1975, according to The Dalles Chronicle. The Chronicle reported the rodeo doesn't plan an event this summer but may continue to hold events on the site in future years while it looks for a new, long-term home.

The new, 10-million-cubic-foot data center now under construction is on

23 acres acquired last year from the Port of The Dalles. The port's industrial land is nearly exhausted, so buying Northwest Aluminum's land gives Google room to continue growing.

"We don't have plans to build on this piece of property in the immediate future, but we want to ensure that we have options to continue to invest in The Dalles in the future if our business demands it," Darcy Nothnagle, Google's Northwest head of external affairs, said in a written statement.

Oregon is among the most popular destinations in the country for large data centers, largely due to local tax breaks that exempt data centers' computers from

local property taxes. Facebook, Apple and Amazon all have large facilities in eastern or central Oregon, and all are expanding those operations.

Last year, Wasco County valued Google's exemption just shy of \$6.9 million. The company compensates the county with negotiated fees that partially offset the tax savings — those payments will total nearly \$2.2 million annually with the new data center now going up.

Additionally, franchise fees generated by Google's electricity use currently account for about 6 percent of The Dalles' general fund. Google estimates that total will rise to 10 percent when the new data center opens.

Bundys, 2 co-defendants appeal to remain in Oregon

PORTLAND, (AP) — Ammon Bundy, Ryan Bundy and two co-defendants charged in the occupation of a national wildlife refuge in Oregon have appealed an order that requires them to be flown to Nevada next month to face charges in a federal case there.

Assistant federal public defender Rich Federico filed notice Monday that the four men are appealing to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. It's unclear when the appellate court will take up the matter. The men are being held pending trial in a Portland jail.

The Bundys along with Ryan Payne and Brian Cavalier were among the more than two dozen people arrested in the 41-day standoff in eastern Oregon that concluded

Feb. 11. They also face charges stemming from a 2014 standoff at Cliven Bundy's ranch near Bunkerville, Nevada.

Last week, a federal judge in Portland ordered the defendants to be flown to Las Vegas on April 13 and returned to Oregon no later than April 25. During that window, they would make their first court appearances in the Bunkerville case.

At a hearing last week, defense attorneys and Ryan Bundy, who's representing himself, said the clock shouldn't start on the Nevada case until the Oregon one is over.

Having the men shuttle between the states while preparing for two cases with two different attorneys would be a logistical nightmare, and jeopardize their right to effective counsel, the lawyers and Ryan Bundy contended.

U.S. District Court Judge Anna Brown said their concerns were premature, and allowed the flight for the initial court appearance.

An Oregon trial date is expected to be set next month. Brown has indicated it will likely be scheduled for late summer or early fall. The Nevada case would be tried sometime after that.

Pendleton PubTalk connects people, shares ideas

PENDLETON — The public is invited to connect with others, share ideas and build resources during the upcoming Pendleton PubTalk.

Amy Pearl of Hatch will introduce information about the new economic engine for growing community capital. Hatch said improving the economic health of the community is possible and she'll share how.

The event is Wednesday, April 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Admission is \$5 at the door and includes light appetizers.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by contacting 541-278-5833 or sbdc@bluecc.edu.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Brooke Kralman

MCLOUGHLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Brooke is a 4.0 student and active in FFA and Student Government. She plays volleyball and softball. Brooke is a volunteer for the Milton Freewater Junior Show and the Walla Walla Fair and Rodeo. Brooke was raised on a family farm and has worked there since she was old enough. She understands the ins and outs of family cattle ranching and growing hay. She is very active in her community as a volunteer.

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