

# Brothers charged with killing missing Washington couple

SEATTLE (AP) — Two brothers wanted in the disappearance and presumed slayings of a Washington state couple may be heading for the Mexican border, authorities said Tuesday as they charged the pair with first-degree murder.

Detectives found a car in Phoenix that had been driven by John Blaine Reed and his brother, Tony Clyde Reed, and they said two friends of the brothers gave them a different car — a gold Acura sedan — and \$500, knowing they were on the run from police.

A license plate reader captured the Acura's plate near Calexico, California, on Monday, authorities said.

The brothers are wanted in the disappearance of John Reed's former neighbors, Patrick Shunn, 45, and his wife, Monique Patenaude, 46, who were reported missing a week ago. Investigators say they found evidence the couple were killed, and teams were searching for their bodies in a wooded 23-square-mile area around their home near Oso, 50 miles northeast of Seattle.

"The exact location of the Reed brothers is unknown, but there is reason to believe they may be trying to flee to Mexico," the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office in Washington said in an email Tuesday.

Authorities described them as convicted felons who should be considered armed and dangerous, as several guns seemed to be missing from John Reed's former home. Charging documents filed Tuesday said authorities found blood in the home's bathtub, as well as in John Reed's pickup, the victims' vehicles, and on gasoline-soaked clothing



These undated booking photos show Tony Reed, left and John Reed.

found in bags underneath a mattress outside the home.

The state crime laboratory is analyzing the blood for DNA evidence.

The victims' vehicles had been driven or pushed down a steep, forested embankment, and at 3:30 a.m. on April 12, a neighbor's surveillance camera caught the vehicles being simultaneously driven up the remote road on the way to where they were later discovered, a prosecutor wrote. The camera also recorded John Reed's pickup traveling up the same road the next day, he said.

Authorities found the pickup at the home of the brothers' parents, in the central Washington city of Ellensburg. Clyde Reed, their father, told investigators he had just cleaned the truck and added "that he did not know where his two sons were, but if he did, he would not tell law enforcement," the charging papers said.

When the brothers left Ellensburg last Thursday, they were driving the parents' red Volkswagen — the same car authorities found in Phoenix, detectives said.

Shunn and Patenaude had long worried about getting on the wrong side of John Reed, who lived a little ways up an old logging road from their 21-acre spread in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. When they sued other neighbors over a property dispute more than two years ago, they avoided naming him as a defendant because they didn't want to irk him, their former lawyer, Thomas Adams, said Monday.

Court documents say John Reed had threatened to shoot the couple for cutting brush between their two properties in 2013.

John Reed has been cited for a number of mostly minor offenses, but also was convicted of felonies for growing marijuana and eluding law enforcement.

Tony Reed, 49, has amassed dozens of arrests and twice was under state supervision — from 1989 to 1991 on drug charges, and from 1994 to 2003 for three misdemeanors, including an assault charge.

Authorities believe they are now driving a 2002 gold Acura 3.2TL with Arizona plate BNN-9968.

# Independent Party gets clarity on presidential nominations

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PORTLAND — Gearing up for its first state-run primary election next month, the Independent Party of Oregon got some clarity this week about how it'll be allowed to pick a presidential nominee.

Registered members of the IPO, which became Oregon's third major party last year, will pick their presidential candidate of choice through a write-in on their ballots, but whoever claims the most votes in the state's May 17 primary won't necessarily get the party's nominee. Instead, party leaders can have the final say, under certain parameters, the Oregon Department of Justice said Monday.

It won't affect the Republican or Democratic contests, which are restricted to voters registered in those perspective parties. But it's the first time in recent memory that Oregon's primary contest will have three major parties, and the IPO wanted more control over who it nominates, even

when it doesn't have its own presidential candidate, as is the case this year.

"It's not aimed at being stuck with an unappetizing choice — it was aimed at the forces of the state to not interfere with the Independent Party in a manner that was totally discriminatory," said Linda Williams, IPO chair.

While state law says the person with the most votes gets nominated or wins, the DOJ said there's an exception for presidential nominations, which follows a separate process. Thus, Independent Party leaders don't have to nominate the presidential candidate with the most write-ins, the DOJ told the party in a memorandum.

The Oregon Secretary of State's office had expressed concerns about giving "veto power" to IPO leaders last month, suggesting it might be inconsistent with state election laws and asked the DOJ to weigh in.

"Now that the law is clear, the IPO is free to operate within the law," Laura Terrill, chief of staff

to Secretary Jeanne Atkins, told The Associated Press. "Because of the potential for voter confusion, however, the Secretary has encouraged the IPO to make its process clear on their website or other places where the public can be informed."

IPO leaders can't pick just anyone — if Donald Trump, for instance, won the national GOP nomination, the IPO couldn't nominate Sen. Ted Cruz, the DOJ stated. And the party also needs the candidate's permission to be officially nominated.

Williams said Monday's memo was a victory for the IPO, saying it affords them the same rights as Republicans and Democrats who use delegates and superdelegates — not voters — to ultimately select presidential nominees.

"The pushback from us was, frankly, that that was unconstitutional and illegal," said Williams, referring to Atkins' previous position on the issue. "The state cannot step in and order a political party to put somebody as their nominee."

## BRIEFLY

### Two Bundys seeking release from jail in Nevada case

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A son of rancher Cliven Bundy wants more time to prepare to seek release from federal custody pending trial in an armed confrontation with government agents in Nevada two years ago.

Ammon Bundy argues in documents filed ahead of a Wednesday detention hearing in Las Vegas that he's no flight risk and no danger to the community. His brother, Ryan Bundy, is also seeking release.

A delay would create a conflict with a court order from a federal judge in Oregon. She wants Ammon Bundy, Ryan Bundy and several co-defendants returned to Portland by Monday.

There, they face charges in a U.S. wildlife refuge occupation this year.

In Nevada, the defendants are among 19 people facing charges in an April 2014 standoff that stopped federal agents rounding up cattle.

### Woman's body had been in Oregon home for 5 months

LA PINE (AP) — Investigators say a body recovered from a La Pine, Oregon, home is that of a woman who has been dead for about five months.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office tells *The Bend Bulletin* that paramedics went to the home Friday after the woman's sister called to report that she had fallen outside. After arriving to help the woman, the paramedics noticed a strange smell and called the sheriff's office.

The woman who fell told authorities her sister had died five months earlier. Instead of reporting it, the woman said she became depressed and started drinking.

Sheriff's Capt. John Bocciolatt said he believes the woman has a "psychological malady."

The cause of death has yet to be determined. An autopsy has been scheduled.

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English calls in there is always translation available.

Rowan said in the more than three years since he took office, the department has seen an 85 percent increase in staff, has made operational changes to how calls to 9-1-1 are handled and has gone from a jail capacity of 135 beds to having an average of 190 full.

However, he also acknowledged there was still work to be done, especially in regards to decreasing response times. Throughout the evening he encouraged county residents to call him directly if they had complaints about the sheriff's department.

"If we're not providing the service we need to be, then I want to know about it," he said. "If I don't know about it I can't fix it."

He heard some of those complaints on Monday. One county resident in attendance said he called to report a theft at his residence and no deputy ever made contact with him.

Another said she and her teenage son went to confront a prowler on their own, even though they were unarmed, because they knew from experience it was likely to be hours before a deputy showed up.

Some said it was hard not to feel that a slow response time might be due to race, but Rowan said that calls for service "have no color."

He said the message from county commissioners has been "no new positions" for the coming fiscal year, but he has put in a request for four anyway.

Hispanic Advisory Committee chair Eddie de la Cruz told Rowan that if people were needed to testify to the county commission about the urgency for more deputies to respond for calls of service, there were people present on Monday who could talk firsthand about times they had called and not experienced a timely response.



Rowan

"If there is anything we can do to support that, we're more than willing," he said.

De la Cruz also responded to Rowan's question about how to recruit more bilingual employees by inviting Rowan to speak on his Saturday afternoon radio show on La Ley.

Rowan is being challenged for his position by Ryan Lehnert, who spoke to the Hispanic Advisory Committee during their March meeting.

During that meeting Lehnert said if elected he wanted to form an advisory committee to the sheriff's office that would function similarly to the Hispanic Advisory Committee. He also said he wanted to make hiring more bilingual deputies a priority.

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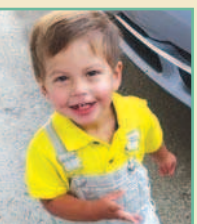



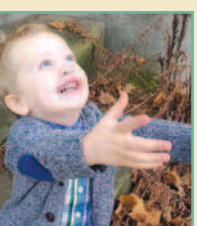


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