

Pendleton man gets 15 years for shooting at police, high-speed chase

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The Pendleton man who fired at Oregon State Police troopers during a high-speed pursuit was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Umatilla County Circuit Court sentenced Bryan Alberto Corona, 24, on Tuesday to 180 months without the possibility of early release.

On Jan. 2, 2016, two OSP troopers — Ryan Sharp, the driver, and Mitch Pace, an OSP recruit trooper — attempted to stop a vehicle

driven by Corona for speeding on Fulton Road near Highway 37 north of Pendleton. Instead, Corona fled from troopers on the rural roads, driving at speeds up to 100 mph. As Corona drove, he shot multiple rounds through the rear window at the OSP vehicle. At least three bullets hit the vehicle in the headlight, radiator and front windshield.



Corona

A spike strip later flattened at least one tire on Corona's vehicle.

Sharp then drove his vehicle into Corona's, causing it to spin and come to rest in a ditch on the east side of the road. Corona attempted to flee the scene on foot, but he was struck and injured by another OSP vehicle arriving on the scene. Corona was treated at Oregon Health & Science University Hospital

in Portland before being incarcerated.

On May 3, Corona pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted aggravated murder, unlawful use of a weapon, attempting to elude a police officer and two counts of recklessly endangering another person. As part of a plea agreement, Corona also pleaded guilty to unlawful delivery of methamphetamine from an incident on June 25, 2015, and admitted to violating his probation from his prior riot conviction in 2015.

Man admits roadside shooting was staged

By STEVEN DUBOIS Associated Press

PORTLAND — A developer convicted in a mortgage fraud scheme has pleaded guilty to additional federal charges after admitting he ordered his son to shoot him in the legs in an effort to collect on a disability insurance policy and delay his prison sentence.

Shannon Egeland, 41, pleaded guilty Wednesday to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and willful failure to pay child support.

Egeland was vice president of the now-defunct Desert Sun Development company, which orchestrated tens of millions of dollars in mortgage fraud during Central Oregon's real estate boom and bust from 2004 to 2008.

A judge ordered him to federal prison on Aug. 1, 2014, to begin serving a 10-year sentence. The day before he was to report, he was wounded in a roadside shooting near Caldwell, Idaho.

Egeland, who had moved to Idaho in 2013, told police he was hit in the head and shot in the legs after stopping to help a pregnant motorist in the middle of the night. It was later revealed the shooting was staged, and he had directed his teenage son to shoot him with a 20-gauge shotgun.

The wire fraud charge stems from a disability insurance policy that Egeland applied for a week before the shooting that caused an amputation.

Besides suffering the disability in a deceitful manner, Egeland lied in the application he sent across state lines from Idaho to Portland's Standard Insurance Company. He told the company he had not been arrested in the past 10 years.

In addition to the fraud case that netted him a decade behind bars, he had committed two other crimes. In late 2010, he was convicted of selling drugs within 1,000 feet of a school. In 2013, he was convicted of theft for stealing \$9 worth of items from a store.

Egeland, beyond answering procedural questions, did not make a statement at Wednesday's hearing in Portland. Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Bradford said he planned to recommend a five-year prison sentence, tacked onto what Egeland's already serving.

U.S. District Court Judge Anna Brown scheduled sentencing for Oct. 5, though it could get pushed back because it coincides with the trial she is overseeing for Ammon Bundy and others charged with occupying a national wildlife refuge in Oregon.

BRIEFLY

Walla Walla mayor to run for state rep

Walla Walla Mayor Allen Pomraning announced he is joining the race for the state Legislative District 16 seat now held by state Rep. Maureen Walsh of College Place.

Pomraning, who said Wednesday he will be running as a Republican, is the fourth candidate to declare for the Position 1 seat.

Walsh is giving up the seat in a bid to run for the open state Senate seat held by retiring state Sen. Mike Hewitt, R-Walla Walla.

Others who have announced are Mary Ruth Edwards and Bill Jenkin, both Prosser residents, and Walla Walla resident Skyler Rude. All three are also running as Republicans.

The official candidate filing period will begin Monday and run through May 20.

— Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

Hops production rises to meet craft brewer needs

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — A new report says production of hops is up

this year, putting the Washington-centered industry in a better position to respond to continuing growth of the craft beer industry.

The recent report from the Hop Growers of America says total U.S. hop acreage in production this year is projected to increase by about 6,000 acres, or about 13 percent.

The Yakima Herald-Republic says the vast majority of those new acres are expected to be in the Pacific Northwest, including the Yakima Valley, where about 75 percent of the nation's hops are grown.

The report was prepared for the International Hop Growers Convention in Paris last month.

Hops are used primarily to flavor beer, and demand for the plant has grown as craft beers have become more popular.

Lawyer for Klamath sheriff asks for dismissal of indictment

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — A defense attorney has asked for charges against Klamath County Sheriff Frank Skrah to be dismissed, saying



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The indictment from last fall doesn't conform to legal requirements.

Rosalind Lee said in a motion two weeks ago that the indictment covers four alleged incidents and should therefore be four separate indictments.

Skrah has been charged assault, harassment, strangulation and official misconduct. The allegations stem from complaints that he mistreated suspects.

The sheriff has denied wrongdoing and remains on the job.

The charges coincided with state and county labor complaints from deputies who claim Skrah retaliated against them after they were interviewed by state investigators.

The Herald and News reports that an initial union complaint was resolved, but individual sheriff's office employees continue to threaten legal action because of workplace violations.

Corrections

A photo with the May 10 story "Festival fosters local artists" gave the wrong name for the artist behind "Death is the Road to Awe." The artist is Samantha Gunn. The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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