

PENDLETON

Defense seeks to suppress evidence in Lybrand drug case

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The defense for downtown Pendleton business owner Jason Lybrand seeks the suppression of key evidence in the drug case he faces.

Attorney Michael Breiling of Pendleton filed two motions in February in Umatilla County Circuit Court, one asking to suppress all evidence and the fruits thereof "from an illegal search and seizure" of Lybrand's pickup and trailer in September 2016. The second motion argues the warrant only allowed police to search

or seize marijuana, and they exceeded their authority when they looked for and found other drugs. The court needs to exclude any evidence from the warrant-less search, according to Breiling.

The state provided written counter-arguments last week to allow the evidence. The matter goes before Judge Jon Lieuallen at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Umatilla County Courthouse, Pendleton.



Lybrand

Lybrand, 46, owns and operates Wicked Kitty Tattoo & Piercing on Main Street, Pendleton. He has pleaded not guilty to felony charges of possession and delivery of methamphetamine and delivery of a federal

Schedule III substance (methandrostenedione, a steroid) and misdemeanor charges of delivery of marijuana and possession of the Schedule IV opioid pain killer tramadol. He remains free on bail.

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Saturday night ripe for mischief

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Crimes and reports of crimes in Pendleton kept police busy early Saturday.

Pendleton police chief Stuart Roberts stated the bartender at Cadillac Jack's Saloon & Grill, 1703 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton, at 2 a.m. reported being assaulted by a patron. Officers arrived and detained two men and determined Michael Savage, 26, was responsible for assaulting the bartender after the business asked him to leave.

Police cited Savage for fourth-degree assault and trespassed him and his friend from the bar for life. Pend-

leton police also reported the bartender refused medical attention.

Pendleton police at 2:13 a.m. received a report of a person with a gun at Crabby's Underground Saloon & Dance Hall, 220 S.W. First St. Oregon State Police responded because two Pendleton officers were sorting out the situation at Cadillac Jack's and a third was busy with a drunken driver.

Roberts reported the "victim(s)" alleged a male pointed a firearm at them and described the handgun. Others in the area, however, said they saw no gun but heard someone rack the slide inside the car.

Only one person police talked to, Roberts stated, had not been drinking, was friends with the victim(s) and told officers no one brandished a gun.

Roberts reported police found a handgun in the suspect's car, but it did not match the description people gave. Also, he said, the ammunition was in the handgun, not loose as though someone had racked the slide multiple times.

Roberts said police seized the gun and ammunition and sent people on their way. Police also will send its report to the Umatilla County District Attorney's office for review of possible charges.

Barreto seeks comments on water bills

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Republican Rep. Greg Barreto of Cove is seeking comment from local landowners and water users on three water bills.

Barreto in a written statement said House Bill 2705 would require measurement and annual reporting of all diversions of water after 2020; HB 2706 would impose an annual \$100 "management fee" on each water right certificate, permit, decree, or ground-water registration; and HB 2707 would appropriate general fund dollars for ground water investigation and study. Rep. Ken Helm, D-Portland, sponsored the legislation. He is chairman of the House Energy and Environment Committee and scheduled the bills hearings

on Wednesday.

"The concern that Oregon is suffering from a shortage of water has lead Rep. Helm to introduce these bills," Barreto stated. "Sadly, two of these bills (HB 2705 and HB 2706) as currently drafted, do little to help except increase water user's costs."

Installation of measuring devices on streams can cost tens of thousands of dollars, according to Barreto, and daily maintenance can add up to thousands of dollars in labor costs. And the annual reporting will increase expenses by thousands of more dollars.

He also stated the inclusion of a \$500 civil penalty for each day of violation "creates the threat of financial disaster for those who make innocent errors while trying to comply with the

reporting requirements in HB 2705 ..."

He asked those with water rights to email, write, or call the members of the Energy and Environment Committee to share their thoughts and suggestions, and, if possible, attend the hearing on Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Capitol in Salem, 900 Court St. N.E., Hearing Room D.

You can search for copies of the bills online at the Oregon Legislative Information System, <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1> and submit written testimony prior to the hearing at heer.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov.

You also can find contact information for the Energy and Environment Committee members at <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Committees/HEE/Overview>.



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Wee Bit O' Ireland turns 35 in Heppner

ABOVE: The Murray family of Heppner — Ian, Sean, John the father, and Kevin — pull away from their competition Saturday in the O'Planky Team Relay Race on Main Street, Heppner, during the town's 35th annual Wee Bit O' Ireland Celebration. Festival organizers brought back the plank race after an absence of around 20 years.



RIGHT: Oregon U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, greets folks Saturday outside the Elks Lodge on Main Street.

BRIEFLY

Prineville man killed in crash

MITCHELL — A Prineville man was killed and his two passengers flown to the hospital Saturday after a two-vehicle wreck on Highway 26 between Prineville and Mitchell in Wheeler County.

Scotty M. Ledford, 31, from Prineville was pronounced dead at the scene after the 2013 Dodge Ram he was driving eastbound veered off the roadway at 50 mph, struck a rock wall, then crossed back across to the opposite lane and into a ditch where it was struck by an oncoming 1995 Dodge pickup.

Ledford's passengers,

Angelica M. Luna, 27, and a juvenile were flown to St. Charles Hospital, Bend, with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the second vehicle, Kimberly Banta, 55, and his passenger Jared Banta, 41, both of Sweet Home, were not injured.

The wreck happened at about 7:30 a.m. and OSP was assisted at the scene by Oregon Department of Transportation and the sheriff's offices and fire departments from Wheeler and Crook counties. The road was closed for about two hours.

Gas line cut near Port of Morrow

BOARDMAN — Emergency personnel responded

Monday after a contractor mistakenly damaged a natural gas line.

The incident happened near Morrow Cold Storage in the Port of Morrow area. Boardman Fire Chief Marc Rogelstad responded to the scene and found that a contractor working in the area had cut into the line by mistake. The gas shot straight into the air, displaced by a light breeze.

Once notified, Cascade Natural Gas turned off the gas. During the 49 minutes before the gas was turned back on, the Boardman Police Department provided traffic control and an ambulance remained on standby.

The line was repaired and the incident ended without injury.

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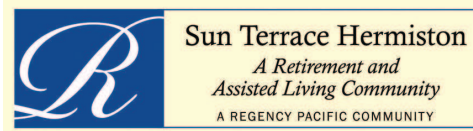
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Little Darlings!



This special section will be filled with photos of and messages for adorable little darlings from Umatilla County. Families will want to keep this special keepsake for their child and family for years to come.



Olivia,
I loved you from the very start.
You stole my breath, embraced my heart.
Our life together has just begun.
You're part of me, my little one.
Love, Mom

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