

MILTON-FREEWATER

Drug busts nets arrest of major dealer

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

The Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team took down two Milton-Freewater men for dealing drugs. Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts, who heads the team's board, said the bust of one suspect is big enough to put a serious dent into illegal drug activity in the Milton-Freewater area.



Torres

Roberts said the anti-drug task force had search warrants in hand Wednesday for two Milton-Freewater homes: 504 Elzora Loop, the residence of Adan Nievez Torres, 43; and 1501 N. Elizabeth St., space F in the Locust Mobile Village, where Carlos Razo Cisneros, 43, lived.

The team created a ruse to lure Torres out of his home, Roberts said, and he drove off in a red 2003 Chevrolet S-10 pickup, registered to Torres Family Landscaping, of Lakewood, Washington. Drug team members and Oregon State Police stopped the pickup.

Roberts said the tactic allows police to better control the situation. And, he added, traffic stops are not uncommon for drug couriers, with some even breaking traffic laws to measure police reactions. During the stops, he said, offenders often play it cool.

"That was the way this was approached," Roberts said.

Police searched the pickup and then officers from multiple local agencies descended on Torres' home, where they found the following:

- 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine;
- 4.3 pounds of heroin;
- 5.6 pounds of cocaine;
- \$26,166 in U.S. currency.

Police also seized scales and pack-



Contributed photo

Police confiscated 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 4.3 pounds of heroin, 5.6 pounds of cocaine and \$26,166, two firearms, body armor, scales and packaging material in a bust on Wednesday.

aging material, body armor and two guns, one of which was stolen out of the Walla Walla area.

Police arrested Torres for possession and delivery of meth, cocaine and heroin. He also could face charges of felon in possession of firearms and body armor, and possession of stolen property.

The quantities of drugs, Roberts said, was substantial, particularly the amount of heroin. Walla Walla area law enforcement have dealt with Torres since the 1990s, he said, and the bust was the culmination of an investigation at least a year into a large-scale drug trafficking organization "responsible for distributing substantial amounts of narcotics throughout northeast Oregon and southeast Washington."

Roberts said cutting off this kind of hand that feeds drugs to so many has a significant affect on lowering crime in local communities.

While serving the second warrant, Roberts reported the team found Cisneros trying to destroy drugs. Police found he had 16 grams of meth, scales and packaging material. Cisneros,

according to Roberts, also had a loaded .32 caliber handgun concealed on his person at the time of his arrest. Police arrested Cisneros for possession and delivery of meth and he could face a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

BENT referred both cases to the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Roberts said Cisneros and Torres are connected but he could not reveal those details at this time. He also said police do not know if there is a connection to the landscaping company. Drug organizations use businesses as fronts to launder their money, he said, but whether that's the case here remains a question.

Torres and Cisneros remain in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. Circuit Judge Jon Lieuallen set bail for Cisneros at \$50,000 and for Torres at \$3 million.

Officers with Oregon State Police, Walla Walla Police Department, Pendleton Police Department, Hermiston Police Department and Morrow County Sheriff's Office assisted BENT detectives during the raids.

HERMISTON

Police looking for man for involvement in recent fatal shooting

East Oregonian

2:35 a.m. Saturday.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Tyree Quaddray Houfmuse, a suspect in the killing of James Cragun in Hermiston on May 27.

The Hermiston Police Department on Friday released a statement about the investigation.

"We wanted to push out this information in hopes a member of the public either in our area or in the Pacific Northwest would assist by calling their local authorities if they know the whereabouts of Mr. Houfmuse," said Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston. "This investigation is still very active as an incredible amount of physical evidence has been seized and will be processed by the Oregon State Police crime lab."

Edmiston said information about the physical evidence in the investigation would not be disclosed.

Houfmuse, 34, was identified as a person of interest after James John Cragun, 38, was found dead from gunshot wounds at his home, Viewcrest Apartment complex at 525 S.W. 13th Place, around

Officers said at that time they would like to speak to Houfmuse about the incident. Houfmuse is African-American, 6-foot-1, 200 to 240 pounds and has several tattoos, including a large rose on the left side of his neck. According to the statement, Houfmuse's last known residence was Tacoma, Washington.



Houfmuse

Houfmuse has been arrested for several other violent disputes in Hermiston and Tri-Cities, most recently for a shooting in November 2014 outside a Kennewick bar that left another man paralyzed. He was arrested in Hermiston shortly after, but a jury in 2015 determined that he had acted in self-defense.

In 2005, Houfmuse pleaded not guilty to an attempted murder charge, in which he allegedly fired shots into a moving vehicle with three people in it. No one was injured, and the charge of attempted murder was dismissed. But Houfmuse was charged with menacing, assault in the third degree, unlawful use of a weapon against another, criminal mischief and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Eight people vying for two seats on Umatilla City Council

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Eight people will vie for two seats on the Umatilla City Council next Tuesday.

Two of the candidates will be appointed by current council members after a question and answer period at the start of next week's council meeting. They are needed to replace David Lougee and Mary Dedrick, who both resigned in May.

Applicant Lyle Smith has a history of involvement with the city, including four years on the city council previously and four years on the city's

planning commission. He recently threw his hat in the ring for mayor, but the council appointed Darren Dufloth instead.

Mark Keith is the director of the Umatilla Medical Clinic and also serves the community as a firefighter paramedic.

James Deacon is a Department of Corrections employee and a grandfather who has lived in Umatilla for 16 years.

Jodi Hinsley is a mother of three who raised her children in Umatilla and has 20 years of management experience.

Selene Torres-Medrano served as the chair of the bond committee for Umatilla

School District's bond that passed in November and has student leadership experience from her time at Washington State University.

Tracy Finck has lived in Umatilla for 29 years and works for the city of Hermiston's parks and recreation summer program.

Clayton Hayes is a Umatilla business owner who has lived in the city 33 years.

Veronica Zapata is a licensed insurance agent, a notary and previously worked for Umatilla School District.

After taking the oath of office on Tuesday, the two candidates chosen by the

council will be asked to join the rest of the council in approving the city's 2017-2018 budget and a authorizing the mayor to sign several leases and intergovernmental agreements, including a contract for the fire district to lease office space from the city, an agreement to use Umatilla County's GIS mapping and planning services, an agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation, an agreement with Oregon State University to promote the SNAP-Ed program, and a service contract with the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce.

The contract with the

chamber states that in exchange for 50 percent of the city's transient room tax funds the chamber will provide support to local businesses, market Umatilla, maintain the city's visitor center and work to increase the number of "group travel activities" such as conferences and sport tournaments taking place in Umatilla.

Prior to the regular city council meeting at 7 p.m. the public is invited to an open house from 5:30-7 p.m. at city hall to learn about Umatilla Together, the downtown revitalization and economic development plan put together by Portland State University graduate students with input from the community.

SUBMIT COMMUNITY NEWS

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

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MISSING DOG

HELLO, My name is Lucee, and I went missing Sunday 5/28/17. I don't know where I am, but I'm trying to find my way home. I sure miss my family and all my toys! I live at Blake Ranch, out of Heppner, OR on Coyote Lane. I know all of my family and friends, and neighbors have been looking all over for me, and are really worried about me!

So, if you could please help me find my way home, my family will give you a \$1,000 REWARD. (No questions asked). If you could share this little note with all of YOUR family and your friends, it would make me and my family so thankful, and hopefully I will be home SOON! I love everybody!

PLEASE, call my Mom Linda Seaverns, 1-541-676-5750 or 1-541-626-1458
Love, Lucee

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9:00am - 3:00pm
June 10, Aug. 5 or Sept. 9
Must pre-register and pre-pay, call 541-667-3509

Information or to register call (541) 667-3509 or email healthinfo@gshealth.org www.gshealth.org

GOOD SHEPHERD

Enjoy Coffee with the City

This Monday and every first Monday you can enjoy a free cup of hot coffee and a one-on-one discussion with Pendleton's city manager Robb and a few of his key staff in a conversational setting.

Drop in any time between 8 and 10 am. June. 5th

AT HAMLEY CAFE 30 SE COURT

Coffee with the City

OREGON EAST SYMPHONY

The OREGON EAST SYMPHONY and its Fundraiser Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the following businesses and individuals for making our annual fundraiser, **Mix It Up!**, a smashing success.

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Together we raised \$7869 to be put towards the Symphony's educational and concert programming.

Thank you!