



Ambulances line up in the emergency area of Sacred Heart Hospital following reports of a shooting at Freeman High School on Wednesday in Rockford, Wash. A shooter opened fire at a the high school, south of Spokane, killing one student and injuring three others. The injured victims were taken to a hospital and expected to survive. Authorities say the suspect is in custody.

Officials: Student killed confronting shooter at Washington high school

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ROCKFORD, Wash. — A student who opened fire in a hallway at a Washington state high school killed a classmate who confronted him Wednesday and wounded three others before being stopped by a custodian, authorities said.

The suspect, who a classmate described as being obsessed with previous school shootings, was taken into custody. The wounded victims were seriously injured but expected to survive, officials said.

The shooter brought two weapons to Freeman High School in Rockford, south of Spokane, but the first one he tried to fire jammed, Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich told reporters.

“He went to his next weapon,” Knezovich said. “A student walked up to him, engaged him, and that student was shot. That student did not survive.”

The sheriff said the shooter fired more rounds down the hallway, striking the other students, before a school custodian approached the shooter and ordered him to surrender, Knezovich said.

Knezovich called it a courageous act that prevented further bloodshed.

The sheriff said a deputy who works as a school resource officer arrived shortly thereafter and took the shooter into custody.

Elisa Vigil, a 14-year-old

freshman, told The Associated Press that she saw one male student shot in the head who janitors covered with a cloth and another female student wounded in the back.

Michael Harper, a 15-year-old sophomore, said the suspect had brought notes in the beginning of the school year, saying he was going to do “something stupid” and might get killed or jailed. Some students alerted counselors, the teen told AP, but it wasn’t clear what school officials did in response.

A call to the school was not immediately returned.

Harper said the shooter had many friends and was not bullied, calling him “nice and funny and weird” and a huge fan of the TV show “Breaking Bad.” He also said the suspect was obsessed with other school shootings.

Students say the shooter was armed with a pistol and rifle and had carried a duffel bag to school. After shots were fired, students went running and screaming down the hallways, Harper said.

Authorities didn’t release the suspect’s identity or a possible motive. The victims also were not named.

Luis Prito, an assistant football coach at Freeman High, called the shooting devastating. A vigil took place Wednesday evening at a nearby church.

“This is a real close-knit community,” he said.

A two-lane road into the town of about 500 people near the Idaho border was clogged as worried parents sped to the school. Some people abandoned their cars on the street to make it to their children.

Cheryl Moser said her son, a freshman, called her from a classroom after hearing shots fired.

“He called me and said, ‘Mom, there are gunshots.’ He sounded so scared. I’ve never heard him like that,” Moser told The Spokesman-Review newspaper.

“You never think about something happening like this at a small school.”

Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children’s Hospital received three pediatric patients, spokeswoman Nicole Stewart said. They were in stable condition and surrounded by family, she said.

Stephanie Lutje told AP she was relieved to hear her son was safe after his high school near Freeman High was put on lockdown. She commended the school district for its communication.

“It’s been amazing, within probably 15-20 minutes of hearing about it, I’d already received a phone call, I’d already received a text message saying that their school is OK,” she said.

She still worried for others she knew, including a co-worker who had yet to hear from her son, a sophomore at Freeman.

BRIEFLY



Law enforcement agencies stage along Hwy 99 and Davisson Road south of Creswell, after an officer involved shooting on Tuesday.

Man charged with attempted murder in shooting of OSP trooper

EUGENE (AP) — The man arrested in the shooting of an Oregon State Police trooper has been charged with attempted murder.

Court records show 30-year-old Edward Dungan of Creswell also faces charges of felon in possession of a firearm, unauthorized use of a vehicle and reckless driving.

Lane County prosecutors say Trooper Gerald Ellis was shot Tuesday afternoon in Creswell after having pulled over a stolen Toyota Camry. His injuries were not considered life-threatening.

Dungan was arraigned Wednesday in Eugene and a preliminary hearing is set for next week. Court records do not list the name of a defense attorney.

from a gunshot wound to the head.

Witnesses provided conflicting opinions about Imbert’s combativeness. Balais’s mother told the court that Imbert had once struck her over the head with a wine bottle. But former sheriff’s deputy Laurie Kimmell said she met Imbert several times in jail and the woman has a tender heart.

Klamath County Judge Dan Bunch said alcohol was the real enemy in the shooting.

Man sentenced for injuring son in drunken lawn mower mishap

CORVALLIS (AP) — An Oregon man who seriously injured his 7-year-old son in a lawn-mowing mishap has been sentenced to probation and must surrender his driver’s license for five years.

The *Gazette-Times* reports Peter McManus of Corvallis was also ordered to undergo alcohol treatment and serve 20 days on a county work crew.

Authorities say McManus was driving a lawn mower while intoxicated on April 3. The boy was sitting on the hood of the machine when it hit something, possibly a rock. The child fell and his foot was severed by the blade. The foot could not be saved.

McManus pleaded guilty to third-degree assault. He did not speak at Tuesday’s hearing.

The boy’s mother spoke, asking for leniency. She said her son has been fitted with a prosthesis and spent the summer as a “happy and energetic child.”

Oregon woman gets probation in shooting death of boyfriend

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — A Klamath Falls woman has been sentenced to probation in the New Year’s Day shooting death of her boyfriend.

The *Herald and News* reports Cassandra Imbert pleaded no contest Tuesday to negligently causing the death of Tyler Balais.

The pair had been drinking at a downtown bar on New Year’s Eve when they got into a fight. After returning home, the two wrestled with a gun after Balais threatened suicide and it went off. Balais died

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TODAY

Partly sunny

FRIDAY

Partly sunny

SATURDAY

Partly sunny and beautiful

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy

MONDAY

Cooler; rain in the afternoon

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST									
70°	44°	70°	42°	72°	50°	76°	49°	66°	42°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST									
74°	42°	73°	39°	74°	45°	77°	53°	70°	46°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	78°	57°
Normals	79°	51°
Records	97° (1948)	28° (1921)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.20"
Year to date	11.37"
Last year to date	7.69"
Normal year to date	8.58"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	79°	57°
Normals	80°	49°
Records	94° (2009)	33° (2014)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.15"
Year to date	6.65"
Last year to date	5.40"
Normal year to date	6.27"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:08 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:20 a.m.
Moonset today	3:43 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Sep 19	Sep 27	Oct 5	Oct 12

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Times of clouds and sun today, except low clouds followed by sunshine in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Cooler today with times of clouds and sun. Clear tonight.

Western Washington: Times of clouds and sun today. Clear tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today	Fri.
Astoria	71 46 pc	71 46 pc
Baker City	64 36 sh	64 28 c
Bend	65 38 pc	67 35 pc
Brookings	65 52 pc	71 52 s
Burns	63 32 pc	66 25 pc
Enterprise	60 39 sh	60 32 r
Eugene	73 44 pc	78 45 s
Heppner	67 43 pc	67 40 s
Hermiston	74 42 pc	73 39 s
John Day	65 41 pc	67 34 pc
Klamath Falls	68 35 s	69 36 s
La Grande	65 38 pc	65 32 pc
Meacham	63 34 pc	62 31 pc
Medford	74 46 s	79 47 s
Newport	64 46 pc	64 47 s
North Bend	65 48 pc	67 48 pc
Ontario	73 53 pc	70 41 c
Pasco	75 43 pc	73 37 pc
Pendleton	70 44 pc	70 42 pc
Portland	76 51 pc	77 53 pc
Redmond	66 31 pc	69 30 pc
Salem	76 47 pc	79 49 pc
Spokane	67 44 c	65 41 pc
Ukiah	62 34 pc	61 31 pc
Vancouver	77 47 pc	76 49 pc
Walla Walla	71 46 pc	69 45 pc
Yakima	77 43 pc	75 39 s

WORLD CITIES

	Today	Fri.
Beijing	86 63 c	85 61 c
Hong Kong	91 81 s	90 81 pc
Jerusalem	87 71 s	82 67 c
London	63 45 sh	59 47 pc
Mexico City	70 55 pc	75 57 pc
Moscow	62 57 sh	71 50 r
Paris	61 48 sh	60 47 sh
Rome	76 64 pc	78 65 pc
Seoul	83 62 s	81 61 pc
Sydney	64 53 pc	71 55 pc
Tokyo	80 68 sh	77 67 pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	NNE 4-8	N 6-12
Pendleton	WNW 6-12	NNW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

1	3	4	4	3	1
8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
0-2, Low					
3-5, Moderate					
6-7, High					
8-10, Very High					
11+, Extreme					

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Rain and mountain snow will extend from the mid-Atlantic to Florida today. Rain and mountain snow will accompany a press of colder air over the northern Rockies, while heat builds over much of the Central states.

Yesterday's National Extremes:

(for the 48 contiguous states)
High 109° in Needles, Calif. **Low 29°** in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today	Fri.		Today	Fri.
Albuquerque	87 61 pc	85 58 s	Louisville	76 61 pc	82 64 pc
Atlanta	80 66 s	83 67 pc	Memphis	85 68 s	87 70 s
Baltimore	79 62 t	81 63 c	Miami	90 79 t	90 78 pc
Birmingham	82 65 s	85 67 s	Minneapolis	77 63 pc	81 65 s
Boise	73 49 pc	66 42 c	Nashville	89 69 pc	87 68 pc
Boston	81 65 pc	76 64 c	New Orleans	88 72 pc	86 74 pc
Charleston, SC	87 70 pc	87 70 pc	New York City	78 66 t	80 66 c
Chicago	80 63 pc	85 66 s	Oklahoma City	92 69 s	90 71 s
Cleveland	75 59 sh	78 59 pc	Omaha	91 68 s	90 69 pc
Dallas	96 73 s	93 74 s	Philadelphia	81 65 t	82 67 c
Denver	87 56 pc	83 48 s	Phoenix	100 75 s	96 74 s
Detroit	76 58 pc	79 60 pc	Portland, ME	78 60 pc	73 58 pc
El Paso	96 73 s	91 67 s	Providence	81 65 pc	80 63 pc
Fairbanks	63 43 c	62 41 pc	Raleigh	82 64 pc	83 65 pc
Fargo	80 57 t	68 51 r	Rapid City	80 52 c	61 42 r
Honolulu	87 75 pc	87 76 pc	reno	81 50 pc	73 45 s
Houston	92 71 s	91 73 pc	Sacramento	79 55 s	85 55 s
Indianapolis	75 59 pc	83 63 pc	St. Louis	87 65 s	90 68 s
Jacksonville	87 72 pc	86 73 c	Salt Lake City	81 57 pc	66 49 r
Kansas City	86 65 s	88 70 s	San Diego	75 67 sh	73 66 sh
Las Vegas	90 68 pc	88 69 s	San Francisco	72 59 pc	74 59 pc
Little Rock	87 65 s	88 67 s	Seattle	73 52 pc	75 52 pc
Los Angeles	75 64 sh	75 64 sh	Tucson	97 70 pc	94 67 c
			Washington, DC	80 66 t	83 68 c
			Wichita	93 68 s	93 70 s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.