

HERMISTON

Local felon in jail for burglary at undersheriff's home

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Local offender Dylan Lieght Russell is back behind bars after the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested him Dec. 17 for burglary and theft. The victim was Undersheriff Jim Littlefield and his family.

Police Chief Jason Edmiston said his officers on Dec. 17 at 11:20 a.m. responded to the 1500 block of West Joseph Avenue, Hermiston, for a stolen vehicle and took a report. According to the report summary, which the *East Oregonian* obtained through a public records request, a male stranger entered the home's sliding back door and stole a black purse and a set of keys, which were on the counter just inside the door. The man used the keys to steal a white 2015 Toyota Rav4.

He also stole an iPad and identification, according to court documents, and damaged the Toyota in a crash.

Littlefield said the sheriff's office was able to track the iPad to a location outside the city of Hermiston.

"We found the device and the stolen identification in his possession," Littlefield said.

The sheriff's office that night arrested Russell, 25, now of Irrigon, and booked him into the county jail in Pendleton, where he has remained.

The district attorney's office on Dec. 21 presented evidence to a grand jury, which indicted Russell for first-degree burglary, unauthorized use of a vehicle, second-degree theft and second-degree criminal mischief.

Edmiston said Russell has 25 arrests and 50 citations to his name, so local law enforcement knows him. The district attorney's office arraigned Russell on Tuesday in Hermiston. His next hearing is Jan. 8. Circuit Judge Dan Hill is presiding.

Hill also is familiar with Russell. The judge in 2011 oversaw two cases against Russell, one involving theft and multiple vehicle break-ins in Hermiston and the other involving the theft of a 2000 Toyota Camry that he drove into a Hermiston police car.

Russell waived his rights to a jury trial in both. Hill in one convicted Russell for first-degree theft and sentenced him to 13 months in state prison, and the judge in the other convicted Russell of attempted assault, unauthorized use of a vehicle, methamphetamine possession, fleeing police and reckless driving. Hill in that case sentenced Russell to five years of probation.

Court records show the district attorney's office plans to use Russell's criminal past to enhance any sentencing out of this new case.

BRIEFLY

Planning commission may decide on pot farm

PENDLETON — A proposal for another marijuana farm in Pendleton is headed back to the planning commission Thursday for the second time.

Burnswell Family Farms is owned by Brandon Krenzler, who also owns popular Pendleton marijuana shop Kindleaf. He purchased the former Riverside Nursery property, 341 N.E. Highway 11, with the intention of growing marijuana plants in the land's greenhouses and selling them at the dispensary.

Krenzler has already gone before the Pendleton planning commission back in August, where his conditional use application was denied. He appealed that ruling to Pendleton City Council in November, and city council referred his updated application back to the planning commission.

The planning commission's public meeting is Thursday at 7 p.m. at city hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., to once again discuss the proposed grow.

Pacific Power offers messages on power losses

PORTLAND — Pacific Power now offers its customers cellphone alerts on power outages.

Aric Muhlestein, Pacific Power director of customer service and support, said in a written statement the company's customers used to have to call or go online for updates on power outages.

"Now, after they sign up, customers can receive text or email updates on an outage, including changes to the estimated time of restoration and cause," he said. "We also have options for billing reminders and payment information."

You can register on the Pacific Power website at pacificpower.net/alerts and pick the types of notices you want to receive.

Pacific Power mobile phone app users already have access to similar

information and updates but still can sign up for the text alerts if they find that more convenient. The app is available at pacificpower.net/app.

Other website updates include a new energy usage and temperature graph on the customer account summary page, and a faster, more streamlined process for when customers move.

Burst water pipe closes Pendleton DHS office

PENDLETON — A burst water pipe caused flooding in the offices of the Oregon Department of Human Services office at 800 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

The facility is being repaired and service locations have temporarily been relocated.

To contact the local office and get information about the new temporary locations call 541-481-9482 for child welfare, or 541-276-9060 ext. 0 for DHS self-sufficiency.

Reporting child abuse is unchanged. Call 541-481-9482 or 1-800-547-3897 during business hours. After hours, either call 911 or the city/county dispatch: 541-966-3650, option 7.

Library program sparks creativity

HERMISTON — A special program is available that supports early literacy development and provides opportunities for tiny tots to get excited about music, spark creativity and improve fine and gross motor skills.

Open to newborns through age 4, Baby & Me Learn & Play is each Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. Participants need to enter through the library's back door.

The program is free. For more information, call 541-567-2882.

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Arts center announces winter classes

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Classes for children, teens and adults are offered during the new year at Pendleton Center for the Arts. They include drop-in projects, weekend workshops and multiple session classes.

The Art Rocks Teens (A.R.T.) programs are offered free for youths ages 13-18. Also, teens 16-18 can participate in evening adult classes for free. For youths ages 0-12, scholarships may be available to offset costs for class materials, instrument rentals or registration fees.

Youth drop-in classes

•Messy Art: Children ages 2-6 can enjoy creative play and socializing. Parents can learn to re-create the simple and fun activities at home. Plan on getting messy and dress accordingly. (Mondays: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.)

•Paper Cache: Youths ages 7-12 can create a piñata, mask and other paper-and-paste sculptures. Costs \$10. (Saturdays: Jan. 13, 20, 27 from 12:30-2 p.m.)

•Clay Creations: For youths ages 7-12, the class offers an opportunity to explore clay building. Participants can create pinch pots, slab constructed boxes, free-form sculpture and possibly even try wheel throwing. Costs \$10 per session. (Saturdays: Feb. 3, 10, 17 from 10:15 a.m. to noon).

•No School Make-and-Take Crafts: Students ages 8 and up participate in free art activities during non-school days. (Fridays: Jan. 26, Feb. 16, March 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon).

Art Rocks Teens classes

•Guide to YouTube: Teens will learn to create custom thumbnails and channel art for their personal YouTube channel. Also includes tips on recording, editing and expanding their channel. Parent permission is required. (Mondays: Jan. 8-March 5 from 3:30-5 p.m.)

•Book Club: Read and discuss New York Times



Terry the Pomeranian lends a paw to his owner, Delanne Ferguson, during a Saturday "Spin-In" for weavers and fiber enthusiasts.



Youths play guitar at Pendleton Center for the Arts. The Art Rocks Teens program offers free guitar classes in the new year.

bestseller "Eleanor and Park." The love story by Rainbow Rowell centers around two misfit high school students in 1986. Due to some of the book's language, parental permission is required. (Mondays: Jan. 8-29 from 4-5 p.m.) Come early for free snacks.

•Acrylic Painting: Budding artists explore painting styles and techniques while creating two finished works of art. (Tuesdays: Feb. 6-27 from 3:30-5 p.m.)

•Origami & Paper Arts: Learn the basics of the ancient art form and then

move on to book art folding and more. (Tuesdays: Jan. 9-30 from 3:30-5 p.m.)

•Guitar & Bass: Focuses on chords, strumming patterns and how to tune and care for your instrument. Guitars available on loan. (Thursdays: Jan. 11-March 22 from 3:30-5 p.m.)

Adult classes

•Hip & Handmade: Work around a table and visit with other participants during the free drop-in class. (Saturdays: 11 a.m. to noon).

•Knit Lab: The drop-in sessions offer help with knitting projects; crocheters also welcome. Costs \$10

Child sex crimes defendant seeks bail reduction

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Child rape suspect Jose Guadalupe Sanguino Cancino of Hermiston is seeking to reduce his jail bond more than \$1 million.

His attorney, Mark C. Cogan of Portland, filed the 10-page motion with the court Dec. 21 asking for a hearing to reduce the bail from \$1,250,000 to \$50,000. That amount would allow Sanguino Cancino to pay 10 percent — \$5,000 — and get out of the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

Cogan in the motion argued the current bail amount is excessive, Sanguino Cancino and his relatives would be hard-pressed to post more than \$5,000 cash and

he does not pose a flight risk. Police confronted Sanguino Cancino with the criminal accusations weeks before his Dec. 6 arrest, according to Cogan, and while the offenses carry decades of prison time, he did not take off or try to hide.

Sanguino Cancino has 14 siblings in the area who would make sure he goes to court, Cogan stated, and he would be able to stay at his brother's home on W. Walls Road in Hermiston.

Cogan also stated Sanguino Cancino has lived in Umatilla County since 1998 and at the time of his arrest was "in the process of obtaining his United States citizenship so he could remain in this country permanently."

The court set the hearing on the bail reduction for Jan. 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Sanguino Cancino, 36, faces eight counts of first-degree sexual abuse, one each of second- and third-degree sexual abuse and incest, and two counts each of first-degree sodomy and first-degree rape. The state has alleged Sanguino Cancino committed the crimes against one girl in 2005-2006 and against another starting in 2010 when she was younger than 12. Hermiston police has stated there could be more victims.

Sanguino Cancino also was one of four men the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotic Team arrested in 2003 for a drug deal involving cocaine.

And in another sex crimes case, court records show Jakob Kerby, 19, of Milton-Freewater, pleaded guilty on Dec. 18 to attempted first-degree rape, a class B felony, and agreed to a prison sentence of six years, three months, although he will get credit for the time he served in the Umatilla County Jail since his arrest on June 1, and he will be eligible for time off the sentence for good behavior.

The district attorney's office agreed to dismiss charges of first-degree sexual abuse and unlawful sexual penetration. Circuit Judge Jon Lieuallen sentences Kerby on Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Pendleton.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27
STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)
PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)
ADULT BEGINNERS' COMPUTERS, 3-4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Registration is required. Classes tailored to the needs of the attendees. (541-966-0380)
BULLET JOURNALS, 6 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Meet and discuss design, layout, technique and more. Washi tape and markers will be available. Free and no registration required. (541-966-0380)
VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER, 7 p.m., location varies, Pendleton. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group. Call to RSVP and for driving directions. (541-969-3057)

THURSDAY, DEC. 28
WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)
PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave.,

Pendleton. Stories and activities for young children. (541-966-0380)
PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 10:30 a.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)
HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)
BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)
PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)
SENSORY STORY TIME, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)
SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities at 3 p.m., life skills at 4 p.m. for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Suzanne Moore 541-276-3987)
WINE AND FOOD EVENT, 5-8 p.m., Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. (Laura Rose 541-938-5516)
WRITER'S GROUP, 5:30 p.m.,

Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Writing support group offering encouragement, inspiration and motivation. All writers welcome. (Jodi Hansen 541-567-2882)
YARN CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)
THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc

Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

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