

**PENDLETON**



Photo contributed by Pat Beard

**A teen vandal is accused of wreaking havoc on the Pendleton Convention Center on Tuesday night, causing at least \$10,000 in damages.**

**Teen trashes convention center**

Causes at least \$10,000 in damages

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Pendleton police arrested a 13-year-old boy Tuesday night for smashing into the city's convention center and causing at least \$10,000 in damages. The teen faces multiple charges.

Pendleton Police Lt. Charles Byram in a written statement said alarms went off at 11:44 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Police arrived three minutes later, he said, and "found substantial damage to the exterior of the building."

Officers encountered a "well-known" 13-year-old boy in front of the building and detained him, according to Byram, before officers entered the convention center. Inside, he said, they found more damage.

Pat Beard, the convention center manager, said the teen threw a cement planter through the front window to gain access, and once inside used a coat rack to break 12-15 more windows.

"We just purchased two 80-inch big screen TVs and

he smashed both of those," Beard said.

According to Beard, the boy broke into and ransacked meeting rooms, damaged the main hall that was set up for a trade show, set off fire extinguishers and sprayed a disinfectant on some items, including a painting.

Beard described the teen's actions as "just random destruction" and said it will take plenty of working hours to get the place back to normal. He estimated the damage could exceed \$10,000.

City facilities workers replaced broken light bulbs and a glass company also responded to deal with the windows.

Byram said police learned the boy had been in the custody of the Oregon Department of Human Services but ran away from the motel room in Hermiston where two DHS employees were supervising him. He took a shuttle bus from Hermiston to Pendleton.

Byram explained that laws prohibit DHS employees from physically restraining

juveniles in their custody, and they reported the boy as a runaway to the Hermiston Police Department.

Pendleton officers booked the boy into the juvenile detention facility in Walla Walla for second-degree burglary, first-degree criminal mischief and second-degree criminal trespass. During his arraignment Wednesday afternoon via video at the Umatilla County Courthouse, Pendleton, the boy was a no-show.

Circuit Judge Lynn Hampton asked staff at the facility what could happen if she compelled the teen to stand before the camera. Staff said the boy tends to spiral out of control when forced to do what he does not want.

Christy Kenny, with the county's juvenile department, agreed it would not help to force the boy to participate in the arraignment. She also said the boy has another case that is about to close and could send him to an Oregon Youth Authority site. She and deputy district attorney Micah Johnstone told the court there is evidence in the new case to hold him in custody.

Hampton agreed to keep him in Walla Walla.

**BRIEFLY**

**Ione music teacher arrested for sex abuse, more**

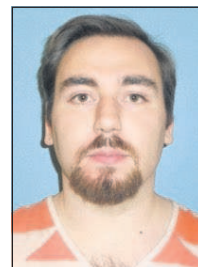
IONE — Ione Community Charter School music teacher Bryan Bates, 24, of Ione, is under arrest and accused of sexual abuse of a student as well as other charges.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office in a written statement reported the arrest happened Wednesday.

"The incident occurred on school property," according to the statement, and "the victim is a 16-year-old female student."

The sheriff's office arrested Bates on one count of official misconduct, two counts of harassment and two counts of third-degree sexual abuse. Bates now is in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

According to Ione Superintendent Jon Peterson, Bates was in his second year of teaching K-12 music at the school. He was placed on administrative leave Tuesday.



Bryan Bates

Jail, Pendleton, and faces charges of second-degree robbery, first-degree theft, menacing and negotiating a bad check. Court records show the case goes to trial Feb. 13.

**Good Samaritan helps save man suffering heart attack**

A crowd of passing motorists — including a doctor from Good Shepherd Medical Center — joined forces to help a driver suffering a heart attack in Kennewick on Tuesday.

The middle-aged man was turning left from West Clearwater Avenue onto Steptoe Street about 7:30 a.m. when he lost control of his SUV and smashed into a pole, said Kennewick Officer Cory McGee.

Three passersby were with the driver when Stephanie Williams, a Kadlec admissions care specialist, was driving by.

"He didn't have a pulse, so the four of us lifted him out and I started compressions," she said.

That's when Matthew Carlson showed up. The doctor was on his way to Good Shepherd Health Care System in Hermiston when he stopped to see if he could help.

Together they worked on keeping the driver alive until emergency crews could get him to the emergency room at Kadlec Regional Medical Center.

"The system totally worked," Carlson said. "Somebody recognized the need for CPR and started ... everything worked the way it was supposed to."

Williams said she has trained to use CPR for about 28 years, but never had a reason to use it. — *Tri-City Herald*

**Gunman takes \$400 from Milton-Freewater store**

Another Milton-Freewater store was the target of an armed robber.

Milton-Freewater Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer reported a male with a gun heisted more than \$400 Tuesday evening from the Neighborhood Grocery, 209 N.W. Eighth Ave. Boedigheimer in an email stated the suspect entered the store, demanded money from the cash register and "brandished what was described as being a semi-automatic pistol."

The robber did not fire the gun, Boedigheimer said, and the store employee handed over approximately \$418 in cash.

Boedigheimer described the suspect as male who may be Hispanic with a light complexion, approximately 5 feet 7 inches tall with a slender build and dark hair. He also had a goatee type beard and wore a black hooded-type sweatshirt and a baseball cap with a black brim.

"The store employee said that the suspect was unfamiliar to them," Boedigheimer stated.

The gunman left no physical evidence, and it is unknown whether he fled on foot or in a vehicle, or what direction he went.

Boedigheimer added police collected video from the store to try to identify the suspect.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office in mid-December arrested Denis A. Krivosheenko, 27, of Walla Walla for the Dec. 6 armed robbery of the First Stop Mart, 85713 Highway 11, Milton-Freewater. He is in the Umatilla County

**CTUIR joins coalition to fight climate change**

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is joining a coalition of governments that support remaining in the Paris climate agreement.

At a Portland hotel Thursday, the CTUIR and seven other Northwest tribes will join "We Are Still In," a group of more than 2,500 leaders from tribes, states, cities, corporations and other organizations who support "tackling climate change, ensuring a clean energy future, and upholding the Paris Climate Agreement," a press release states.

Representatives from each tribe will formally sign declarations of support and make remarks on how climate change is impacting their community.

In 2015, almost every country signed onto an accord that required each nation to take steps to combat climate change and limit the increase in global temperature.

President Donald Trump announced in January that the United States intended to withdraw from the agreement because of the "draconian financial and economic burdens" to the United States.

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