

PENDLETON

Bison baiting leads to man’s arrest in Glacier National Park

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The Pendleton man caught on video while harassing a bison in Yellowstone National Park earlier this week was arrested Thursday in Glacier National Park.

Raymond Reinke, 55, actually scored a trifecta, managing to get cited in three national parks during the past week. It was a combination of drawing attention to himself, coordination among the park rangers and a little bit of luck that culminated in his arrest.

“This isn’t an everyday occurrence that this teamwork happens, but it does

when we have opportunities like this,” said Lauren Alley, a spokesperson for Glacier National Park. “Our rangers do take this very seriously.”

Reinke was first arrested by officers at Grand Teton National Park on July 28 for an alleged drunk and disorderly incident. After spending the night in the Teton County Jail, he was released on bond.

Three days later, Reinke was in Yellowstone National Park, where a vehicle in which he was a passenger was stopped for a traffic violation. According to park officials, Reinke appeared to be intoxicated and argumentative, and they cited him for not wearing his seatbelt.

Park officials said they believe it was after this traffic stop that Reinke encountered the bison as vehicles stopped to let it walk down the road. In a video that’s since gone viral and sparked outrage internationally, a man who officials said is Reinke can be seen wearing blue shorts, a turquoise shirt, and white socks without shoes.

The man walked toward the bison, which at that point was ambling down the side of the road. He waved his arms like a matador, and the bison charged at him. The man ran in a circle while



Reinke

the bison stood in the road, and waved his arms again, prompting the bison to charge at him again. The video cuts away as people are yelling “No! No!” and “Oh my god! Get out of there!”

Eventually, the bison walks away.

Numerous visitors reported the wildlife harassment, and rangers found Reinke later that evening and issued a citation for a court appearance. At that point they hadn’t seen the video, but once they learned of his history and saw the “egregious nature of the wild-

life violation,” his bond was revoked.

Reinke had told rangers he was planning to travel to Glacier National Park, and officers issued a “be on the lookout” alert for his vehicle. While they were searching, rangers also responded to a disturbance at the Many Glacier Hotel where two guests were arguing in the dining room.

It just so happened that Reinke allegedly was one of the people arguing.

He was arrested on federal charges and taken to Mammoth Hot Springs, where he made an initial appearance in U.S. District Court Friday morning. Altogether, he faces five charges includ-

ing being under the influence of alcohol to a degree that endangers himself or others; interference/resisting; making unreasonable noise; storing an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle; and disturbing wildlife.

He remains jailed, with his next hearing set for 11 a.m. Aug. 8.

Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk praised the work of the rangers.

“We appreciate the collaboration of our fellow rangers in Glacier and Grand Teton national parks on this arrest,” Wenk said. “Harassing wildlife is illegal in any national park.”

HERMISTON



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Hermiston city and chamber staff prepare to hand out watermelons at Pioneer Square in Portland.

500 watermelons given away to Portlanders



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Hermiston city councilor Manuel Gutierrez hands a watermelon to a Portland resident in Pioneer Square.

East Oregonian

Portland residents got a taste of the sweet life Friday as the city of Hermiston and Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce gave away 500 Hermiston watermelons in under 20 minutes.

Nate Rivera, superintendent of Hermiston Energy Services, was one of the city staff on hand and said there was a line starting an hour and a half before the giveaway began in Portland’s Pioneer Square. The event also included a seed-spitting contest between Hermiston and Portland

officials, won this year by Hermiston chamber board chair Paul Keeler.

Some years Hermiston has also given away other types of produce, but this year stuck to Hermiston’s signature crop, donated by Walchli Farms and Bellinger Farms.

The tradition started with former Hermiston mayor Frank Harkenrider in the 1980s and stopped in 2007 before being resurrected in 2015. Its aim is to build goodwill between the two cities and give their leaders a chance to get to know each other and discuss issues both communities face.

Pilot Rock looks to get free legal advice

PILOT ROCK — Pilot Rock could join a pilot program to receive free legal advice.

The League of Oregon Cities developed the program to run from the July 1

this year until July 30, 2019, to provide up to 10 hours of legal advice for free to small cities in Eastern Oregon. That advice comes with some limitations, including no representation at public meetings or help with lawsuits. Even so, Pilot Rock city recorder Teri Bacus in a memo to the city council stated participating in the

program would save the city hundreds of dollars.

The city council meets Tuesday staring at 7 p.m. and will consider whether the city should join the program. The council also will consider annexing property on Northwest Elder Street so the owners can hook up to city sewer and water services.

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