

Trial set in two felony cases

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Josie Jordan Makens, 27, appeared in Wallowa County District Court Sept. 20 on two separate cases. The first involved Makens allegedly pointing a loaded 12-gauge shotgun and threatening the alleged victim. The resulting six charges for the May 21, 2017, incident included attempt to commit a Class B felony, unlawful use of a weapon, menacing, recklessly endangering another person, pointing a firearm at another and harassment.

The second alleged crime took place in May also when Makens was released from jail after the first incident.

She was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and one count of criminal trespass in the second degree. She pleaded not guilty on all the charges from both cases.

Makens also had several violation of release agreement charges against her. She also pleaded not guilty on those charges.

Makens participated in a settlement hearing with the district attorney’s office the previous week. No settlement was reached. Her attorney Brent Smith requested a trial although he told Judge Russell West he held out hope for a settlement hearing.

After a query about Makens complying with her urine analysis tests mandated by the court, assistant DA Rebecca Frolander said the defendant had not complied with the court’s order since Aug. 3. A test Aug. 3 was positive for opiates.

In response to West’s reply on what she wanted to do, Frolander said she wanted Makens signed up for tests by the end of the day.

West asked Smith why he shouldn’t have his client remanded into custody as previous tests had tested positive for methamphetamine and the opiate incident was after his client had been in treatment.

Smith replied that his cli-

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ent had a number of negative tests and that the cost was prohibitive.

After warning Makens about the consequences of failure, which could include arrest, the judge said he would follow Frolander’s recommendation. He also said he didn’t believe the story about the cost of tests.

“You have \$6,000 on the books for bail, and that came from somewhere,” he said.

West then scheduled a two-day trial for the initial two felony charges and an additional half-day trial for the three contempt of court and probation charges.

Matthews case awaits DA review

Kevin Matthews, 19, Wallowa, appeared Sept. 20 on one count of unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree and three counts of sexual abuse in the first degree. The first charge is a Class A felony while the remaining three charges are Class B felonies. The first charge stipulated that the alleged victim was under the age of 12.

Matthews appeared shackled and in yellow jail garb and was represented by attorney Rick Dall. West asked Dall if his client was ready to enter a plea, and Dall said he was still working on it because a comprehensive evaluation of Matthews by a doctor had yet to be reviewed by the DA’s office. .

Frolander requested three weeks to review the evaluation and talk it over with the alleged victim’s family before making a plea offer to Matthews. The defendant waived his right to a preliminary hearing, and West ordered an Oct. 18 court appearance to monitor the case.

Matthews was returned to custody.

Johnson will be negotiating deal

Joseph Troy Johnson, 31, Wallowa, appeared Sept. 20 for a plea hearing on five charges including strangulation, a charge of menacing, one count of criminal mischief in the second degree and two counts of harassment. The first two charges allege domestic violence on the part of Johnson and stemmed from a May 4 incident on Whiskey Creek Road in Wallowa.

Jared Boyd served as Johnson’s court-appointed attorney and said his client had rejected a plea offer from the DA’s office. Boyd asked for a two-day trial date but offered further negotiations with Frolander.

West gave Johnson and Boyd two weeks to negotiate a plea offer, if a settlement wasn’t reached, the trial would be scheduled.

Vichi record in question

David Arthur Vichi, 41, Wallowa, appeared Sept. 20 for a pre-trial hearing on charges of fourth degree assault constituting domestic violence. The incident took place on or about Nov. 1 of last year. Dall represented Vichi and started the hearing by saying his client maintained his previous criminal history was incorrect and could hurt his client’s chances in court.

West asked Frolander if she had looked into the matter, and she said she was working with the California officials to determine Vichi’s criminal history. She did say it appeared Vichi had been in prison in the state. .for custodial interference at one point and had been sent back at least twice.

West asked if the state was prepared for trial, and Frolander said it was and planned to call three witnesses, including the alleged victim. The trial is set for Oct. 4.

FOR THE RECORD

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2:18 p.m. — Violation of court stalking order reported in Wallowa.

2:48 p.m. — Restraining order violation reported in Wallowa.

September 15
2:51 p.m. — Report of abandoned cats in Enterprise.

September 16
1:05 p.m. — 911 caller reported a disturbance in Enterprise. Matthew Edmund Earl Conant of Bend, Ore., 29, was arrested by the EPD for a probation violation, disorderly conduct and harassment. Conant was transported to the Umatilla County Jail.

September 19
2:05 p.m. — EPD arrested Christopher Michael Duvall of Enterprise, 39. Charge unlawful manufacture of marijuana. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.
6:17 p.m. — EPD arrested Warren Lynn Cook of Enterprise, 61. Charge unlawful manufacture of marijuana. Subject was cited and released.

September 20
5:15 a.m. — Entered parole and probation detainer on Connor Sticka of Enterprise, 23, for probation violation, original charge unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
8:43 p.m. — Jack Donald Fuller of Joseph, 53, was arrested by Umatilla County Jail on a Wallowa County warrant for failure to appear. Original charges DUI, failure to perform duties of a driver and property damage.

September 22
2:21 p.m. — Complaint of trash and debris left behind in a camping area in rural Enterprise. Referred to USFS.
11:23 p.m. — Traffic stop in Enterprise. Nicolas Scott Briggs of Lostine, 34, was arrested by the EPD for DUI. Briggs was cited and released to third party.

September 24
00:05 a.m. — LGPD arrested Joshua Matthew Clayton, 30, on a Wallowa County warrant for probation violation, original charge is disorderly conduct.
1:27 a.m. — Arrested by EPD for DUI Lafe Thayer Peterson of Everett, Wash., 26, cited and released.

Learn about grants at series of classes

Northeast Oregon Economic Development District will offer its GrantReady program classes on 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 21 to Nov. 11 in La Grande.

GrantReady organizational development and grant-writing training provides tools and skills needed to help nonprofits become more competitive for grant funding, and better prepared to operate and evaluate their programs and projects.

GrantReady consists of four training sessions for volunteers and staff members of nonprofit organizations. Top-

ics include the following:

- Organizational and project budgeting
- Components of a grant proposal
- Funding plan
- Evaluation methods
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)
- Board relations
- Foundation site visits
- Grant reporting

Lunch will be provided. The first session will be at the La Grande Public Library, 2006 4th St., and subsequent sessions at OSU Extension, 10507 N McAlister Rd. The cost for the series is \$100 for

the first participant from each nonprofit, with a discounted rate of \$50 for each additional participant. The program will be offered in Wallowa and Baker counties next year. Register at <http://bit.ly/2xuhFrA>

“Participants will also meet staff from several foundations, who will provide insights into their foundations and what they are looking for in a grant proposal,” said NEOEDD Executive Director Lisa Dawson. “This is a great opportunity for them to begin to make personal contacts in the nonprofit world.”

OREGON’S ALPENFEST

DON'T MISS A MOMENT

Thursday, Sept. 28
Downtown Enterprise
3:45-4 p.m. – You’re invited to assemble at Depot and Main streets for Main Street Procession
4-4:10 p.m. – Main Street Procession to Courthouse Gazebo
4:10-4:55 p.m. – Opening Ceremony including alphorn, accordionist and Swiss yodeling
Terminal Gravity Brewing, Enterprise
5:45-6 p.m. – Ceremonial tapping of the first keg of TG’s Alpenfest beer with tastes for \$5 suggested donation
6-9 p.m. – *Accordions at Alpenfest* featuring virtuoso Alicia Baker plus alphorn music and Swiss yodeling (food and beer available)
Friday, Sept. 29
Outside Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake
8 a.m.-noon – Alpine Breakfast
9 a.m.-sunset – Alpine Fair with art, craft and food vendors
Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake
Noon-12:45 p.m. – Free polka lesson with Randy and Ashley Thull from Wisconsin
1-11 p.m. – Performance (\$15/\$8 before 3, \$18/\$8 after 3)
1-5 p.m. – European Take-Out Band, Tirolean Dancers of Oregon, Bruce Coutant on alphorn, Swiss yodeler Art Brogli
5-5:45 p.m. – Free waltz lesson with Randy and Ashley Thull from Wisconsin
6-11 p.m. – The Polkatones, Tirolean Dancers of Oregon, Bruce Coutant on alphorn, Swiss yodeler Art Brogli
Bratwurst meal (\$10), beer and wine available
Downtown Joseph
10 a.m.-4 p.m. – *Accordions at Alpenfest* on porch of Joseph Visitor Center, Main Street at Joseph Avenue

Saturday, Sept. 30
Outside Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake
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Downtown Joseph
10 a.m.-2 p.m. – *Accordions at Alpenfest* at Wallowa County Farmers Market, Main Street at Joseph Avenue
2-4 p.m. *Accordions at Alpenfest* on porch of Joseph Visitor Center, Main Street at Joseph Avenue
Sunday, Oct. 1 – PATRIOTS DAY
Outside Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake
8 a.m.-noon – Alpine Breakfast
9 a.m.-3 p.m. – Alpine Fair with art, craft and food vendors
Edelweiss Inn, Wallowa Lake
11-11:45 a.m. – Free polka lesson with Randy and Ashley Thull from Wisconsin
Noon-3 p.m. – Performance (**free admission for military service members, veterans, law enforcement officers and firefighters**, others \$15/\$8)
The Polkatones, Tirolean Dancers of Oregon, Bruce Coutant on alphorn, Swiss yodeler Art Brogli
Bratwurst available outside at Alpine Fair; beer and wine available at performance

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