

Arrest follows lengthy altercation

People in the area of the Plaza last Thursday afternoon witnessed a 20-minute standoff between Warm Springs police and a man from LaPine. The incident also involved the man's wife and their son.

The standoff included yelling, punching, running from police, and finally the use of pepper spray. Some of the details are very odd.

"I've never seen anything like it before," said officer Matt Sherwood, who responded to the scene.

The incident began shortly before noon on Wednesday, Aug. 10, when police stopped Daniel Brown, 43.

Brown was driving a red truck. He was near The Museum at Warm Springs when police pulled him over on a report of reckless driving.

After questioning Brown, the officer cited him for careless driving, failure to maintain a traffic lane and driving without a license, according to police.

Two other people in the truck, Brown's wife Margaret and their 16-year-old son, also did not have a drivers license.

The truck belonged to another relative who was not present, so the police officer informed Brown that he would have to call someone with a drivers license to come and get them.

That could have ended the matter, but it was at this point that the situation took an unexpected turn.

The dispatch center began receiving prank 911 calls whenever a police car drove past the



Daniel Brown is taken into custody.



Son, 16, taken into custody.

Brown family, who were in their vehicle parked on the side of the road by the museum. An officer made an attempt to contact the Browns in order to tell them to quit calling 911. But when the officer approached the vehicle, Daniel Brown took off on foot several yards down the

road. The officer told him to stop trying to run away, but this only made matters worse. Brown became angry and combative. He ran across the highway to the parking lot of the Plaza, where he and the responding officers were in a kind of stand-

off for about 15 minutes. The officers would approach Brown, trying to take him into custody, but he would back away or fight them off, making threatening remarks. Brown and at least one officer got fairly beat up.

Meanwhile, Brown's wife was making a digital video recording of the activity, and their 16-year-old son also became involved, apparently trying to intervene on his father's behalf.

The son was taken into custody fairly quickly, through the use of pepper spray, but it took police another 10 minutes to subdue Brown. In the end he was charged with assault on a police officer, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and attempting to elude on foot. He was lodged in the Jefferson County Jail.

His son was charged with resisting arrested. He was cited and released.

Margaret Brown was cited for misuse of 911. She was cited and released.

Man arraigned on murder charge

By Brian Mortensen
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Aaron Jason Muniz Wewa, 22, was arraigned this week on a charge of murdering a 14-year-old Warm Springs girl. Wewa was arraigned in Portland in connection with the Aug. 1 death of Tara Tufti.

Warm Springs Police detective Carmen Smith said Wewa did not know Tufti the night he allegedly met her.

Wewa had apparently lured Tufti to his home at 1677 Shepard Drive in the West Hills area of Warm Springs, according to police.

Smith said there was evidence of rape and strangulation.

Wewa apparently told his girlfriend what he had done. The girlfriend told his aunt, and the aunt called Warm Springs Police. Warm Springs

Police and FBI officers arrested Wewa, who was transported to Portland.

Smith said Wewa has no previous criminal record. Wewa was not employed.

Warm Springs police did not know as of this week who last saw Tufti before she met Wewa that night, detective Glen Dunsbergen said.

"We've done everything, from collect a ton of evidence to interview a lot of people," Dunsbergen said.

The death of Tufti follows by only a few months the apparent homicidal death of Charles Lesarley of Warm Springs April 30. Lesarley's stepson, and Aaron Wewa's cousin, Jesse Shawn Wewa, 25, is accused of the murder. Jesse Wewa is scheduled to be tried in November on a charge of second-degree murder.

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Moody, 16, works in the Chinook Room at the High Desert Resort and Casino, where she juggles a variety of positions, one moment a cashier, the next a hostess or a busser. As a cashier she takes care of customers' bills and takeout orders. When she is a hostess, she greets the guests and seats them. And her work as a busser involves taking orders and waiting on guests.

for the Forestry Department outdoors last year. She also noted that being outdoors last year helped her with being on her feet this year.

One exciting experience she had was when a group of Japanese people with limited English speaking skills visited the resort. It was neat, she said, to share cultural aspects.

Moody doesn't like to stand around and be bored - being on her feet keeps her busy and her mind occupied.

Moody comments on her success in the workplace by saying, "I don't sit down and talk. Sometimes I don't take my lunches. The key is to not be lazy"

"I don't like being in an office," says Moody. This explains why she worked

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