

No charges in fatal police shooting of tribal member

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has responded to news that the Oregon Department of Justice was not recommending charges in the fatal police shooting in February of tribal member Allan Dale Warner Jr. On behalf of the tribes, Council Chairman Dennis White III said:

“We must first consider the family and friends of Allan Dale Warner Jr., who are still grieving his death. Regardless of the circumstances, our Nation mourns whenever we lose a tribal member. The passing of one of our own brings sorrow to our entire Nation.

“Our community worked closely with the Oregon Department of Justice during the investigation of this tragedy to ensure that the circumstances were fully understood, and that accurate information could be shared with our people. While the findings are painful, we recognize the importance of truth and transparency during such difficult times.

“As we move forward, we ask that agencies working with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs remember the weight of every life lost and the care required when sharing difficult news. Out of respect for our people and our traditions, it is vital that such information be communicated in a timely and respectful manner.”

Background

Mr. Warner was shot and killed on February 20. The Oregon Department of Justice assisted the Bend Police Department in the investigation into the incident. Following a review of the Bend Police investigation, the Department of Justice laid out its findings in a letter sent to Bend Police Chief Mike Krantz, shared here. According to the findings, Mr. Warner had led police on foot down Highway 97 near downtown Madras. He was ultimately shot and killed by a Jefferson County sheriff’s deputy after, according to the investigation report. Mr. Warner had approached a Madras Police Officer with a knife in his hand, the report says.

The Department of Justice letter was signed by Oregon DOJ Senior Assistant Attorney General John Casalino, and interim Jefferson County District Attorney Steven Leriche, also a senior assistant attorney general at the Oregon DOJ.

In the letter, Casalino lays out the events with information from statements by the responding officers and from body-worn cameras. According to the findings:

The incident started around 5:29 p.m. when law enforcement responded to a report of two men fighting near the Motel 6. Mr. Warner repeatedly stated to officers ‘I’ve got metal on me’ or words to that effect, the report says. Responding officers interpreted that to mean he had a knife or gun.

Casalino writes there were multiple efforts to taser Mr. Warner and shoot him with bean bag rounds, all of which were not effective. He also refused commands to stop and get on the ground, according to the investigation findings.

A moment that was caught on a witness video, and referenced in the letter, was an officer dropping what appeared to be a weapon on the ground. Casalino indicates that Mr. Warner “made a quick movement” toward Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Anthony Maldonado. Maldonado dropped his “non-lethal shotgun” on the ground and pulled out his pistol and pointed it at Mr. Warner. Maldonado told Mr. Warner that he was going to kill him, Casalino says. Mr. Warner picked up the shotgun but did not try to fire it, the report states.

Maldonado then yelled at officers to “shoot him,” according to Casalino. Officers did not fire. Mr. Warner then put the shotgun on the ground.

After more unsuccessful efforts to taser Mr. Warner, he allegedly pulled out a knife and began approaching Madras Police Officer Isiah Duarte. The officer backedpedaled. Mr. Warner kept closing the distance with the knife in his outstretched hand, Casalino wrote.

Believing Mr. Warner was going to stab Duarte, Maldonado fired five rounds at Mr. Warner, Casalino wrote, hitting him three times. Oregon State Trooper Cole Binning, who was also on scene, said he had also considered using deadly force but was concerned about hitting other officers. Medics arrived to treat Mr. Warner, who ultimately passed away.

The entire encounter, from the time officers arrived until the shooting, lasted 5 and a half minutes, Casalino wrote. He then summarizes events:

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Coming up at Tribal Council the rest of this month

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda during the rest of the month of October (subject to change at Council discretion):

Monday, October 13
9 a.m.: Early Childhood Education Center compliance discussion with Cheryl Tom and Reona Trimble.

Monday, October 20
9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Ed Henderson, S-T/CEO.
10: November agenda and review minutes.
11: Draft resolutions.
1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls, federal and state.
2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.

3: Indian Health Services update with Tammy Wilson.
3:30: Health and Human Services with Taw Foltz.
4: Managed Care update with Mike Collins.

Monday, October 20:
Agency District 2026 budget meeting at the Agency Longhouse, dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7.

Tuesday, October 21
9 a.m.: Ordinance 94 discussion all day.

Tuesday, October 21:
Seekseequa District budget meeting, Seekseequa Fire Hall, dinner at 6 and meeting at 7.

Wednesday, October 22

9 a.m.: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde update.
1:30 p.m.: Legislative Commission on Indian Services discussion.

Monday, October 27
9 a.m.: Oregon Department of Transportation rest area presentation.

Wednesday, October 29
1:30 p.m.: Northwest Power and Conservation Council discussion with Chuck Sams and Margaret Hoffman.

Thursday, October 30
9 a.m.: Power-Solar workshop, all day.

Items for consideration: General Council meeting regarding the 2026 budget.

Halloween note from Daycare and Head Start

Dear Warm Springs Community,

I would like to invite you to our Annual Pumpkin Parade 2025 here at Early Childhood Education and Daycare.

We are requesting workers from each department or enterprise to bring lots of candy and to join us in setting up a table in our building to hand out to the kiddos of ECE and public participants who join us each year.

We ask that you bring your own table to set up as we are limited to tables right now.

Set up time will be between 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the latest. We expect early trick or treaters as soon as 9:45. The Pumpkin Parade will start at 10 and go until 11:00am,



or as soon as trick or treaters begin to cease.

Areas first come, first serve. There will be spots along the hallways from B pod up to F pod and around the entrance area of the center.

Please park below A pod, as we will be cutting off traffic coming into ECE and out due to Trick-or-Treaters having to cross to the Indian Health Services clinic.

If you have any questions, please contact the Early Childhood Education center at 541-553-3241.

Or **Tiana Northrup** at: tiana.northrup@wstribes.org

Flu vaccines...

Now is the recommended time to get vaccinated to protect from influenza ahead of flu season. The flu shot is available at the Warm Springs IHS Clinic. Walk-ins are available; or call 541-553-1196.

Funding

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It is too early to identify what potential options could be, and the tribes will also evaluate the option of appealing any final cancellation.

The tribes and PGE last year received the grant as part of the previous administration’s Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program, funded through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The tribes, PGE and other partners have been planning to replace the transmission lines between the reservation and the Salem area; and to install high-capacity fiber optic cables. This would greatly increase the efficiency of transmitting power from the Pelton-Round Butte hydro project to the Willamette Valley and allow for more revenue to benefit the tribes.

District buget meetings

An Agency District budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, and a Seekseequa District budget meeting on Tuesday, October 21. Dinner for both are at 6 p.m., and the meetings at 7. The Simnasho District was scheduled for Tuesday evening of this week.

RECREATION PRESENTS

THURS 10/16/25

PARADE LINE UP @ 4:30
JUDGING @ 5:30
TROPHIE HAND OUT @ 6:30
PARADE STARTS @ 6:30

THEME IS NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

JACK, SALLY, AND THE WHOLE CREW

HALLOWEEN PARADE 2025

WALKERS PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR SAFTY GEAR LIT UP

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