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Attempted murder trial continues this week for Roa

Carlos Roa, 39, is charged with attempting to kill police officers in a September, 2015 standoff

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Closing arguments were expected Tuesday morning in the trial of a 39-year old Cottage Grove man accused of shooting at several police officers on the evening of Sept. 26, 2015.

Carlos Roa allegedly confronted police soon after their arrival at a home near Milepost 3 on London Road after they responded to a neighbor's report of shots fired in the area; Roa allegedly used an AK-47 rifle to fire several shots at police, and Deputy Todd Olson was wounded in the ensuing firefight. Roa, the former owner of West Coast Machine Guns on Main Street in Cottage Grove, was charged with three counts of attempted aggravated murder with a firearm, two counts of recklessly endangering another person and single counts of unlawful use of a weapon and first-degree assault.



Carlos Roa

Roa is charged with attempting to kill Olson, Deputy Richard Glessner, Deputy Joshua Mars and Sgt. Gordon Gill. He reportedly fled the scene following the shootout; he was discovered over six hours later on the same property, reportedly sporting a bullet wound and a bite from a police dog from the incident.

Opening statements in Roa's trial began Tuesday, July 26, and on Thursday, officers who had helped track him down in the evening and early-morning hours following the incident testified about the manhunt. Eugene officer Chris Mackey reportedly told the court that a police dog had picked up Roa's scent about six hours after the incident not far from where it occurred, and the dog reportedly bit Roa several times before police located him. The argument allegedly began earlier that evening over drinks when Roa and a friend

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Rally Around the Flag aims to educate at WOE Fairgrounds

Author Holly Swanson speaks at the WOE Fairgrounds Saturday. The author of "Set Up and Sold Out" and "Training for Treason" claimed that "climate literacy is a front for the communist agenda." Other speakers at the third-annual event included Doyel Shamley, who spoke about how other jurisdictions could take control of federally managed forestlands.



photo by Sam Wright

Speakers address land-use law, education

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The Oregon Liberty Coalition gathered at the WOE fairgrounds on Saturday for the third "Rally Around the Flag." Dozens of citizens gathered around to hear several guest speakers talk about "the overreach of federal regulations" and how people can stand up to such regulations or imposing law. Former Oregon State Representative Jeff Kropf emceed the event.

The first guest speaker and perhaps the main attraction was Doyel Shamley, CEO and founder of Veritas Research Consulting. Shamley is an expert in jurisdictional law and resource law and assists many state representa-

tives to testify or help draft legislation to rectify problems in some areas that have large holdings of federally managed lands. He was raised in the agricultural country of the San Joaquin Valley, which he said explains his avid activism for helping the country's rural areas.

Shamley gave a speech about how a county can use its knowledge of jurisdiction to take control over forested lands. The lengthy speech covered the idea that an astute knowledge of types of land laws is extremely beneficial if not necessary for many rural communities. There are a large variety of laws and essays that touch on the topic. In particular, Shamley discussed the amount of content on the Federal Register, a comment that Jack Adkins of FreedomWorks elaborated on.

"They recently added 80,000 pages to the Federal Register. That's a lot," Adkins said. Adkins is an active

member of FreedomWorks, a libertarian organization that supports small government. As an Oregonian, Adkins fights regulations imposed on the timber industry.

"As for loggers, it's become personal; that's my family," he said. He didn't go into further detail, but explained to the audience about the Regulatory Action Center within Freedom Works and how the organization can help an individual if a regulation is imposed on their land.

The last speaker was author Holly Swanson. Swanson has written two books: "Set Up and Sold Out" and "Training for Treason." Her speech revolved around public education and a recent law passed in Portland where public schools in the area are forced to teach climate literacy. Swanson rhetorically asked the audience, "Is

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SWEET THINGS



photo by Greg Lee

Cottage Grove's Arlene Taddei shows off her "Sweet Things" creation at the Bookmine during Friday's Art Walk. Billed with the theme "Hot Summer Nights," Art Walk drew a large crowd downtown despite soaring temperatures, including members of the Cottage Grove High School classes of 1976 and 1986, gathered for their 40th and 30th reunions.

Arson believed to be cause of Cedar Ck. Road fire

A South Lane County Fire and Rescue official told the Sentinel Monday that evidence suggests a fire that damaged a home on Cedar Creek Road last week has arson as its cause.

Firefighters began battling the blaze on Monday afternoon, July 25. The homeowner was not at the residence at the time, according to Division Chief Joe Raade. Fire crews were able to bring the fire under control, but not until after it caused about \$50,000 in damage, mostly to the home's contents, Raade said.

At the scene, firefighters discovered evidence that someone had forced entry into the home, and a gas can and lighter were reportedly found inside.

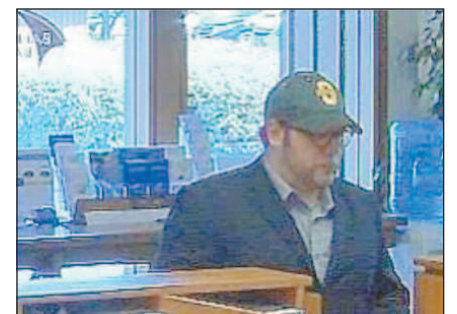
"It was an arson fire," Raade said, adding that the investigation had been turned over from South Lane's Fire Marshal to the Lane County Sheriff's Office. "There's evidence that somebody tried to start the fire, but we don't know who the arsonist is." The Sheriff's Office could not be contacted by



courtesy photo

A gas can and lighter were reportedly found inside this home on Cedar Creek Rd.

Sentinel press time Monday for this article.



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Surveillance video shows the man believed to be responsible for a heist at Banner Bank on Tuesday, July 26.

Banner Bank robber still at large

Personnel with the Cottage Grove Police Department said Monday that their search for a man they say robbed the Banner Bank branch at 25 Gateway Blvd. in Cottage Grove is ongoing.

Detective Doug Skaggs told the Sentinel that police received a call regarding a robbery at the bank at about 11:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 26. A single male suspect presented a note demanding cash and simulated a weapon, Skaggs said. The man, who was wearing a blue blazer and an Oregon Ducks hat, reportedly escaped on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash.

On Monday, Commander Conrad Gagner said that a few tips had led police to believe that the man many have headed toward the area around Subway after the incident, though evidence that he was still in the area was not located.

Skaggs said that leads CGPD received during its initial investigation indicate that the robber has likely left the area.

"Statistically, they don't usually hang around," he said. "We're still looking and are being assisted by the FBI."

Skaggs lauded the composure of the staff at Banner Bank, who were able to provide a detailed description of the suspect. He is described as a white male in his mid-twenties to early thirties, five feet, 10 inches tall and weighing between 210 and 240 pounds. The suspect had a light-colored beard. Police request that any information on his whereabouts be directed to Skaggs at 541-942-9145 or dskaggs@cgpolice.org.

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