

Fake cops to appear in court

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POLK COUNTY — Two men who were arrested for posing as police officers after allegedly pulling over a woman on Highway 22 will appear in Polk County Circuit Court Thursday for a preliminary hearing.

Kurt F. Von Allmen, 55, and his son, Seth Von Allmen, 18, are both facing one charge of impersonation of a peace officer following the Aug. 21 incident.



K. Von Allmen

The victim, Diana Ledbetter, reported the incident to police at about 6:45 a.m., saying two men in wearing black uniforms and driving a black Ford Crown Victoria used the vehicle's lights to pull her over, according to court documents.

She told police she was driving east on highway near Harmony Road when she approached a car she believed to be a police car. She passed the car, which was driving below the speed limit. Led-

better said her windshield was dirty, so she used her windshield cleaning fluid.

The Crown Victoria began to flash its lights, so she pulled over. One of the men approached to tell her that she was getting their car wet. Ledbetter repeatedly asked the man, Seth Von Allmen, if he was a police officer. He eventually admitted he was not. Ledbetter left the scene.

An Oregon State Police trooper found the car later that morning and pulled it over. During an interview, the suspects claimed Ledbetter was speeding, tailgating them, and began spraying their car when she passed them. Kurt Von Allmen told police he flashed his high beams because he was "irritated" and she pulled over on her own.

According to a probable cause affidavit, investigators found the car was equipped with two spotlights, two rows of rear amber lights, and four antennas on the top. Inside the car was a center console with a siren and overhead light panel control switches, a mount for a laptop computer. None of those components appeared to be working, though. Police also found a police baton, citation books and other police equipment.

Seth Von Allmen was released from the Polk County Jail on Monday, while Kurt Von Allmen was approved for a conditional release from jail on Friday.



S. Von Allmen

Working on the railroad



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Workers from Willamette & Pacific Railroad grade the road on Second Street on Monday as part of the work to restore both the road and the tracks.

DEADLINES

NEWS DEADLINES
Itemizer-Observer deadlines have changed due to the Labor Day holiday:

Social news (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Community events — Noon on Thursday for both the Community Notebook and Community Calendar.

Letters to the editor — 10 a.m. on Friday.

Obituaries — 4 p.m. on Friday.

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Retail display ads — 2 p.m. Thursday.

Classified display ads — 11 a.m. on Friday.

Classified line ads — Noon on Friday. Classified ads are updated daily on www.polkio.com.

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The Itemizer-Observer is also on Facebook and Twitter. Watch for breaking news, links to stories, sports scores updates and more.

WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Aug. 25	85	51	0
Aug. 26	89	51	0
Aug. 27	90	51	0
Aug. 28	82	64	T
Aug. 29	75	63	.27
Aug. 30	73	57	.44
Aug. 31	76	57	0

Rainfall during Aug. — 0.71 in.
Rain through Aug. 31 — 15.99 in.

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Man arrested for hitting child

Itemizer-Observer staff report
POLK COUNTY — Polk County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Polk County man on assault and criminal mistreatment charges after investigating a report of child abuse.

Thursday, the Department of Human Service's child welfare division contacted the sheriff's office with a report of a 4-year-old

boy who appeared to have a black eye.

Deputies investigated the report with the help of staff from DHS and later arrested - Creekmore, 39, at his home in rural Polk County. Creekmore assaulted the

child, the son of his girlfriend, giving him a swollen and blackened eye, according to the Polk County Sheriff's Office.


When arrested, Creekmore was charged with multiple counts, including first-degree criminal mistreatment, felony third-degree assault, felony fourth-degree assault and harassment.

Creekmore remains in custody at Polk County Jail on \$15,000 bail.



Creekmore

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Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

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9	8	5	1	6	3	2	7	4
7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
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6	2	4	5	9	7	1	3	8

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