

Police arrest two men on warrants

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Two Baker City men who have been sought by police in unrelated incidents were arrested earlier this week.

Jason Lloyd Dinger, 40, is being held at the Baker County Jail on charges of violating a restraining order, menacing, first-degree burglary, third-degree criminal mischief and four counts of contempt of court.

Baker City Police had been looking for Dinger for the past



Dinger

few months, Lt. Ty Duby stated in a press release.

But because Dinger knew warrants had been issued for his arrest, he had been running and hiding from officers. Additional charges are likely as a result of other investigations, Duby said.

Police found Dinger hiding on the top floor of a building on property commonly known as Ladd's Auto Salvage at 8 David Eccles Road. Additional officers were summoned to help, including an Oregon State Police fish and wildlife trooper and a Union County Sheriff's Office K9 unit trained in scent and tracking.

Duby said Dinger tried to run

during the arrest, but he eventually was arrested without incident about 4 p.m. Sunday.

Dinger was arraigned Monday in Baker County Circuit Court. Judge Matt Shirtcliff ordered him held on \$80,000 bail.

In an unrelated investigation, Baker City Police arrested Alan William Wolfe, 33, on charges of second-degree burglary, first-degree criminal mischief, felon in possession of a firearm and two counts of first-degree theft.

Duby said Baker City Police arrested Wolfe early Monday morning as he was leaving the business of Family Tradition

Taxidermy at 1816 First St.

Duby said Wolfe had in his possession an AK-47 assault rifle and a loaded 9 mm pistol that he allegedly took from the business.

Wolfe was arrested without incident and is being held at the Baker County Jail, Duby said.

Baker City Police have been investigating a rash of burglaries in the past few weeks, and more charges against Wolfe are expected, Duby said.



Wolfe

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Joseph said that it was “so close” between Cannon and Ashworth, in terms of councilors’ preferences, that the Council would be comfortable offering the job to either.

Joseph said councilors did rate one of the two higher, and that he will try to reach a tentative contract agreement with that candidate to present to the Council for its approval.

If that is unsuccessful, Joseph said he would then negotiate with the other candidate. He declined to say whether Cannon or Ashworth is the frontrunner.

“Because they were so close that we would feel comfortable with either of these two candidates and what we don’t want to do is to create any hard feeling,” Joseph said.

Although the Council’s goal is to approve an employment contract with the new manager at its Dec. 8 meeting, Joseph said he hopes to reach a preliminary agreement before then and to announce that publicly.

Baker City man accused of nearly hitting pedestrian, car

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Baker City Police arrested a 19-year-old man Tuesday morning, Nov. 17, in an incident that began when he allegedly drove his car around another vehicle that had stopped for a pedestrian, nearly striking the person in the crosswalk at Main Street and Valley Avenue.

Police Chief Ray Duman said Caleb James Mansuetti of 315

Highway 7 was arrested at about 11 a.m. in the area of Foothill Drive and Mitchell Street. He was taken to the Baker County Jail Tuesday.

Mansuetti was arraigned Wednesday morning in Baker County Circuit Court on charges of menacing, reckless endangering and reckless driving, all Class A misdemeanors, and second-degree disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. Mansuetti was granted a

conditional releases and scheduled to appear in court Nov. 30.

Duman said Mansuetti drove to the area of Foothill Drive and Mitchell Street in his 2003 Cadillac after passing Allen Patton, 52, of Baker City, who had stopped to let an unidentified pedestrian cross.

As Mansuetti drove around Patton, he nearly struck both the stopped vehicle and the pedestrian, who was in a crosswalk about half-

way across the street, Duman said.

Patton followed Mansuetti in his vehicle to the 100 block of Foothill Drive where Mansuetti pointed what appeared to be a rifle at Patton. Police later determined it was a nonlethal airsoft gun, Duman said.

The District Attorney’s Office added disorderly conduct to the charges against Mansuetti, accusing him of creating “a risk of public inconvenience, annoyance and alarm

by engaging in violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior,” court records state.

Duman said police believed Mansuetti’s actions constituted a community concern when he was taken to the jail Tuesday.

Police understood that if anyone else came in who better met the jail’s COVID-19 protocol for holding, Mansuetti would be released on the misdemeanor charges, Duman said.

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Both the chief and the sheriff said they don’t expect they’ll be called on to potentially enforce those limits, but that they will take action if it’s warranted.

Among the restrictions that Gov. Kate Brown imposed, with a goal of reducing the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, is limiting gatherings in homes to six people from no more than two households over the next 2 weeks.

The governor’s spokesman, Charles Boyle, said Oregon State Police would work with

local police to enforce Brown’s order, “in the same way local law enforcement officers respond to noise complaints for loud parties, for example, and issue citations.”

The governor, citing emergency authority under state law, said penalties could be up to 30 days in jail, a fine of up to \$1,250, or both.

Duman said on Tuesday, Nov. 17, that he “really doesn’t anticipate any complaints” about residents allegedly exceeding the social gathering limits.

But he said that if the department does receive such reports, “we will deal with it

situationally.”

Duman said he hopes residents “will understand the seriousness of the situation and go along with what we’re trying to accomplish” with the restrictions.

He said police are sworn to enforce laws.

“We don’t get to pick and choose which ones to enforce,” he said.

Ash said his deputies will seek to inform people about the guidelines.

“We want people to use good judgment,” he said.

“We’ve been doing the education piece all along. We want people to be safe.”

Ash said he hopes county residents will voluntarily comply with the governor’s orders for the benefit of all.

His officers won’t be going door-to-door to ensure compliance. On the other hand, if there is a possible violation he expects his deputies to write a report to be forwarded to the District Attorney’s office for review.

The sheriff said he checks the COVID-19 numbers daily and has grown concerned as he has watched the steady increase in Baker County cases in recent weeks.

Of the county’s 234 confirmed and presumptive

cases through Nov. 17, a total of 90 — 38% — have been reported during November. That includes nine new cases on Tuesday.

“I don’t want to see people lose their lives or see families torn apart by deaths,” Ash said. “We have to take this one day at a time.”

NEWS OF RECORD

POLICE LOG
Baker County Sheriff's Office
Arrests, citations
PROBATION VIOLATION (three counts): Levi James Logsdon, 29, of 3150 13th St., 1:52 p.m. Tuesday, in the 3500 block of Pocahontas Road; jailed.
PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Jason John Gregory Efrid, 39, of 1710 Birch St., 4:54

p.m. Tuesday, at the Parole and Probation office; cited and released.
Baker City Police
Arrests, citations
FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County Circuit Court warrant) and CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Adrienne Dione Morris, 23, of 1690 Indiana Ave., 9:19 a.m. Tuesday, at a motel in Baker City; cited and released.

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