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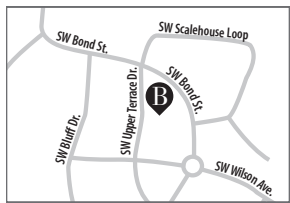
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

SOURCES: OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, DESCHUTES COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, BULLETIN GRAPHIC

COVID-19 data for Saturday, Jan. 23:

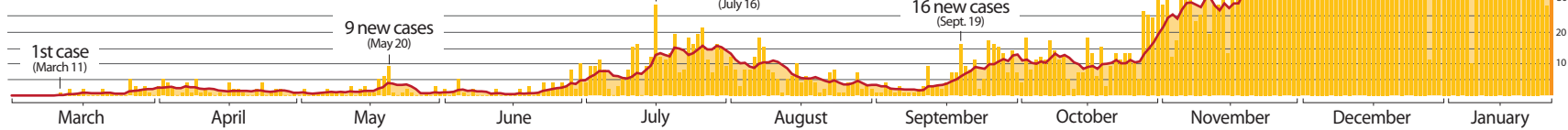
Deschutes County cases: 5,171 (43 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 40 (zero new deaths)

Crook County cases: 652 (7 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 13 (2 new deaths*)

Jefferson County cases: 1,734 (7 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 25 (zero new deaths)

Oregon cases: 137,600 (775 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 1,877 (13 new deaths)

*Oregon's 1,865th COVID-19 death is a 69-year-old woman who tested positive Jan. 16 and died Jan. 21 at St. Charles Bend. The 1,866th death is a 79-year-old woman who tested positive Dec. 22 and died Jan. 21 at St. Charles Bend. Both had underlying conditions.



What is COVID-19? It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause a range of symptoms. Some usually cause mild illness. Some, like this one, can cause more severe symptoms and can be fatal. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath.

7 ways to help limit its spread: 1. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 2. Avoid touching your face. 3. Avoid close contact with sick people. 4. Stay home. 5. In public, stay 6 feet from others and wear a cloth face covering or mask. 6. Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

PORTLAND

Lawyers seek dismissal of '60s-era civil disorder charges in protests

BY MAXINE BERNSTEIN

The Oregonian

Federal defense lawyers are urging dismissal of the rare felony civil disorder charge filed against more than a dozen people arrested in last year's social justice protests in Portland, arguing the offense was created in 1968 to quash civil rights advocacy.

Attorneys representing one of the defendants outlined the legislative history of the federal crime in a lengthy brief filed last week with more than 200 pages of excerpts from the Congressional Record.

They argue that the law's primary proponent was then-Louisiana Sen. Russell B. Long who intended it to "neutralize" civil rights leaders.

"Because Senator Long believed that criticism of white supremacy and demands for racial justice were bound to cause riots, he proposed the Civil Obedience Act as a tool to suppress such expression," Chief Deputy Federal Public Defender Stephen Sady and Assistant Federal Public Defender Robert Hamilton write in their motion.

They submitted the history of the act, including documents that showed Long testifying before the Senate in 1960 in support of racial apartheid.

The lawyers allege that Long pressed for the law to specifically target Martin Luther King Jr. following his march in Birmingham in 1963 and Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, who each chaired the influential Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

"Senator Long credited Dr. King's letter from the Birmingham Jail as having directly caused 'the ultimate in lawlessness, wanton killing, and senseless, destructive rioting,'" the brief says.

King wrote the letter from solitary confinement as a response to eight local white clergymen who had denounced his nonviolent protest in the Birmingham News, demanding an end to the demonstrations for desegregation of lunch counters, restrooms and stores.

At least 15 people have been charged in federal court in Portland with civil disorder for their alleged actions against local or state officers



Andrew Selsky/AP file

Flames rise from a Molotov cocktail Sept. 5 in Portland. Protests roiled Oregon's largest city for months last year.

during protests last year.

The law criminalizes obstructing, impeding or interfering with a local police officer or firefighter performing lawful duties "incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder which in any way or degree obstructs, delays, or adversely affects commerce or the movement of any article or commodity in commerce."

The defense attorneys filed their motion in the case of Jesse Herman Bates, of Seattle.

He initially was arrested July 13 on state charges, accused of assaulting a public safety officer, interfering with a peace officer, carrying a concealed weapon, disorderly conduct and third-degree assault.

When the state didn't pursue the charges, federal prosecutors did on Aug. 25, issuing an arrest warrant for Bates, 38. He was rearrested Sept. 1.

Bates is accused of firing a ball bearing from a slingshot and striking a fire medic in the chest about 2 a.m. on July 13 near Southwest Third Avenue and Main Street.

A crew of firefighters was working to put out a fire burning in the intersection, according to an affidavit written by FBI agent Kevin Strauss. About 300 people had gathered in the area, some committing vandalism and property damage, the agent wrote.

A Multnomah County sheriff's deputy saw Bates on camera and identified him as the slingshot shooter, according to the agent. He was arrested about 3:50 a.m. when spotted near a white tent on Lowndale Square. While holding a crowbar, he ran

when told he was under arrest and was shot with a less-lethal munition and taken into custody, Strauss wrote in the affidavit.

Bates' lawyers argue that they've received no evidence yet that anyone witnessed Bates strike the medic or shoot in his direction.

The defense attorneys also argue that the federal law is too broad and vague, shouldn't be used in prosecutions that are more fitting for state court and violates freedom of expression under the First Amendment. The alleged offense also lacks any reasonable connection to interstate commerce interference, they said.

The defense lawyers say state and local laws already protect police officers and firefighters.

"The federal government inserted itself into these local matters," Sady and Hamilton say.

LOCAL BRIEFING



Submitted photo/Bend Fire & Rescue

The Trader Joe's in Bend closed Saturday after a fire.

Trader Joe's in Bend closes due to fire

Trader Joe's grocery store in Bend closed Saturday for cleanup and repairs after an early morning fire was discovered from a leak in a commercial display freezer.

Bend Fire & Rescue responded at 4:35 a.m. after store employees reported light smoke through the store when they arrived to start their work day.

Crews found a haze of smoke in the building and traced it to the freezer. The fire had already gone out, but a leak of flammable refrigerant was causing a hazard, according to the fire department.

Crews shut all systems

down, ventilated the building, and the scene was turned over to Trader Joe's staff and HVAC contractors to start repairs and cleanup.

The total loss is estimated at about \$10,000 due to a large amount of groceries that had to be discarded, according to the fire department.

The fire department determined the cause was electrical wiring that arced against the copper refrigerant tubing, creating a hole and allowing the flammable refrigerant to leak.

Fire damage was limited to the freezer, but smoke and odors were dispersed throughout the building.

Trader Joe's planned to reopen Sunday.

— Bulletin staff report

STATE BRIEFING

Man charged with killing 91-year-old stepfather

A Wilsonville man is accused of killing his 91-year-old stepfather at the victim's Washington County home.

Jacob Nebeker was arrested at the scene Friday and is being held in jail without bail on a second-degree murder charge. He is suspected of killing Gil-

bert Gutjahr. Sheriff's deputies said they responded to Gutjahr's home in the Bethany area close to 1 a.m. Friday, after a woman called 911 and said a man at the home had been killed by a family member.

Officers found Gutjahr injured inside. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene.

— Bulletin wire report





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