

In this Feb. 8, 2019, file photo, Shantel Witt is taken into custody shortly after Deschutes County Circuit Court Judge A. Michael Adler announced his guilty verdict on all counts in the death of Bend cyclist Marika Stone.

Lawsuit

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At her criminal trial in late 2018, the depth of Witt's prescription pill addiction came into clearer view. It was revealed in the weeks leading to the crash that several of Witt's doctors and pharmacists spoke to her about tapering her off her current pill regime. Days after one doctor began a taper, Witt visited a veterinarian to secure Xanax for one of her German shepherds. Toxicology tests revealed canine Xanax as one of the substances found in Witt's blood. In the end, Deschutes County Circuit Judge A. Michael Adler found Witt guilty of first-degree manslaughter and sentenced her to 12 years in prison. Upon conclusion of the criminal trial, the paper be-

gan flying in the Witt lawsuit, as Steele aggressively added deep-pocketed defendants to the suit, according to court documents. Steele produced medical records showing Witt was prescribed 60 pills of clonazepam, a central nervous system depressant, per month beginning in the mid-2000s, when Witt experienced acute anxiety related to travel. And when Witt had a toe amputated in 2012, she started a prescription for hydrocodone that was being filled up until the crash. "It was reasonably foreseeable that a patient who has developed a substance use disorder associated with overprescribed addictive drugs ... will drive while impaired," Steele wrote in 2018. "It was reasonably foreseeable that a patient who is impaired or who overdoses on their pre-

scription drugs while driving will cause injury to other drivers or bicyclists." Earlier this year, Steele sought sanctions against Walgreens for allegedly not turning over records in a timely manner in response to one of his subpoenas. The motion was dismissed. The defendant health care providers argued that in Oregon, for a party to recover damages for medical malpractice, there must be a doctor-patient relationship between the plaintiff and defendant. Deschutes County Circuit Judge Jack Landau ultimately agreed and following a hearing in June, granted motions of dismissal from Walgreens, Albertsons, Central Oregon-based St. Charles Health System and the operators of the local health clinics Mosaic Medical, Optima Foot and

Ankle, High Desert Personal Medicine and High Lakes Health Care. Former Bend family medicine Dr. Kevin Rueter was also dropped as a defendant. Stone was a mother of two with her own successful dental practice in Bend: Mill Point Dental. Her identical twin sister, Tansy Brown, a Bend physical therapist, told Witt at sentencing that she would grieve her sister's loss, "more than you can ever understand." Witt is currently an inmate of the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville. Her earliest release date is Oct. 29, 2030. In September, her husband of 27 years, Kelly, filed for divorce in Deschutes County Circuit Court citing irreconcilable differences. ■ Reporter: 541-383-0325, gandrews@bendbulletin.com

Inclusion

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For example, at her previous position, the office of sustainability wanted to phase out gas-powered leaf blowers in favor of electric ones. Allen's assessment tool forced the government to pause on moving forward until assessing how the change in leaf blowers would impact landscaping contractors, who Allen noted were largely owned by Latinos. The next step sought to devise a plan on how to mitigate the impacts, like finding ways to cover costs of the change, or a plan to translate materials into Spanish to communicate the change. Allen has similar goals for the city of Bend. In her new job, Allen will be charged with coordinating with the Human Rights and Equity Commission to ensure the city is making progress toward equity-focused goals. In general, that spans between internal work, like improving the city's hiring and retention practices to work that bridges the gap between the city and diverse communities in Bend that often haven't been represented in civic processes. That means removing barriers that currently exist, Allen said. For example, Allen and members of the Human Rights and Equity Commission are currently looking at ways the city's website can be more accessible to more people, like changing font types and size for people who are visually impaired, or making the website more intuitive for people wanting to engage on a certain topic. "If we are saying we are wanting to put community at the forefront, then it takes these steps to authentically engage with them," Allen said.

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— Anna Allen, Bend's first equity and inclusion director

Allen said she is motivated to do this work because she knows firsthand the difference it can make. As a member of the Shoshone Bannock Tribe in Idaho, Allen said she is no stranger to facing structural racism. In her younger years, Allen said her family was nomadic, largely not by choice, and faced being homeless. Allen said she was in and out of correctional facilities, and saw how institutions failed members of her family, who struggled with mental illness and battled addictions. She also got to experience firsthand what it meant to be able access certain services to improve her life. She hopes to make accessing everyday services easier for people like her. "I'm a success not only because of my natural grit ... but also access to programming and services specific to Native Americans. Those programs and services gave me the tools to survive at the time and now thrive," she said. "But I still look back and think about so many moments if something would have been slightly different in a service I was receiving how it would have just catapulted me even further."

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Bannon indicted after refusal to comply with Jan. 6 subpoena

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The Washington Post
Former White House adviser Stephen Bannon was charged Friday with two counts of contempt of Congress after refusing to comply with a subpoena from the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

He was indicted by a grand jury in Washington — a rare move by the Justice Department to escalate the consequences of a dispute involving Congress. Court records indicate only three such cases have been filed in D.C. since 1990. The charges against Bannon each carry a maximum sentence of one year in jail and may serve as a warning to others seeking to avoid or defy the Jan. 6 committee. Attorney General Merrick Garland in a news release said the charges reflect the Justice Department's commitment to "show the American people by word and deed that the department adheres to the rule of law, follows the facts and the law and pursues equal justice under the law." Neither a lawyer for Bannon nor a spokesperson immediately responded to requests for comment. He is expected



Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/AP file
President Donald Trump's former chief strategist Steve Bannon speaks with reporters Aug. 20, 2020, in New York.

to turn himself in next week ahead of his first court appearance in the case. Bannon, 67, was subpoenaed Sept. 23, one of a number of former advisers to President Donald Trump who have balked at answering the select committee's questions about the events before and during the riot that sought to prevent Congress from formally certifying the election of Joe Biden. Bannon worked in the White House in 2017, but the committee is focused on his conversations and activities as an outside adviser and activist in the run-up to Jan. 6 when hundreds of Trump supporters protesting the election's outcome turned violent, attacked police and stormed into the Capitol building, forcing lawmakers to flee for their safety.

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