

# Tirico pleads not guilty in misconduct case

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CANYON CITY – Former John Day Police Chief Richard Tirico has pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree official misconduct.

Tirico appeared last Thursday in Grant County Circuit Court.

The case could go to trial as soon as March 10, depending on the action in another case already on the court calendar. The

court set a backup date of May 13, although defense attorney J. Robert Moon was not sure his schedule would work for that day.

Attorneys told Judge William D. Cramer Jr. they expected the trial would take one day. It will be heard by a six-person jury.

Assistant Attorney General Colin Benson is handling the prosecution.

Both Benson and Moon participated by teleconfer-

ence last week.

Official misconduct is a Class A misdemeanor.

Tirico resigned as chief in October 2013 without explanation. He was indicted last Sept. 29 by a Grant County grand jury.

The indictment alleges he had two officers in the department falsify their time sheets, billing overtime hours against a drunken-driving enforcement grant rather than the city's police budget.

## BENEFIT SHOOT A SUCCESS



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A trap shoot and auction raised more than \$2,400 last Saturday to help former Mt. Vernon Mayor Sue Horn with medical expenses in her battle against cancer. Organizer Julie Smith said about 50 people participated in the shoot, with many others enjoying the day and contributing items for the auction. Horn also was on hand, and ran the pull button for the shooters. "It was an incredible day," said Smith. Stepping up to the line, from left: Mary Cade, Tara Fischer, Sahara Derowich, Eliza Harper, Stephanie Volle, Sue Horn, Julie Smith, Kristi Howell and Mitzi Wilburn.

# Brawl ends in arrest at Canyon City station

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CANYON CITY – A dispute between two men flared up twice in one day last week, ending with one man in jail and some damage in the Canyon City Shell Mini-Mart.

Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer said he responded about 10

a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, to a menacing complaint in the first incident, after one man reportedly went after another with a fireplace poker at a Gardner Lane residence.

Rick Taylor was arrested and conditionally released from jail, with orders to stay away from the residence and occupants Zechariah Wilson and a female companion.

Palmer said about a half hour later, Taylor was at the Shell station when Wilson pulled up in a vehicle, entered the building to make a purchase and noticed the other man. Wilson tried to sidestep the other man, Palmer said, but was cut off, and prevented from going farther into the store.

Palmer said Taylor allegedly head-butted Wilson, and a brawl ensued. The Sheriff's Office, John Day Police and Oregon State Police responded to the report of a fight in progress.

An ambulance also was dispatched to the scene, but both men refused transport.

Palmer said there was minor

damage to a display rack in the store and some merchandise, valued at about \$225.

Taylor was arrested for fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct, harassment, criminal mischief and violation of his conditional release.

He was lodged in the Grant County jail.

## COPS & COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

**Grant County Sheriff**  
CANYON CITY – The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Feb. 5:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 25
- Average inmates: 17
- Bookings: 11
- Releases: 13
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 4
- Fingerprints: 9
- Civil papers processed: 20
- Warrants processed: 2
- Assistance, welfare check: 1
- Citations:
  - Tony Ross, 38, Pilot Rock, driving without a license, driving uninsured.
  - Matthew Broemeling, 23, John Day, driving uninsured.
  - Pat Didelius, 39, Walla Walla, Wash., violation of basic rule, 80/55.

- Dispatch**
- John Day dispatch worked 145 calls during the week of Feb. 1-8. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:
- **John Day Police:**
    - Feb. 2: Responded to report of restraining order violation.
    - Feb. 5: Boise man, 28, arrested for harassment, disorderly conduct and criminal mischief, and cited for no operator's license and driving uninsured.
    - Feb. 8: Cited a John Day girl, 16, for speeding, 71/55 zone.
  - **Grant County Sheriff:**
    - Feb. 1: Report of shots fired, Marysville pit; responded to report of theft on Bumpy Road.
    - Feb. 3: Domestic violence report involving female juvenile, Canyon City; respond with John Day Police and Oregon State Police to report of menacing on Gardner Lane,




The Eagle/Scotta Callister

Neighbors and friends pitched in to help clean up and repair the roof that blew off a house on Edgewood Drive last Friday morning. Strong winds were reported across the region through the day. In Dayville, a gust flipped a concession stand off its base at the school.

- located 14-year-old runaway.
- Feb. 5: Warned driver for defective lighting.
  - Feb. 7: Cited John Day man, 28, for speeding, failing to change driver's license information; cited Prineville man, 28, for driving while suspended and uninsured.
  - **Canyon City Fire:**
    - Feb. 6: Downed power lines on Edgewood Drive, advised Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative.
    - **Prairie City ambulance:**
      - Feb. 7: Responded to Washington Street for woman, 55, with difficulty breathing.
    - **John Day ambulance:**
      - Feb. 1: Transported woman, 86, having breathing problems at Valley View.
      - Feb. 2: Dispatched to assist elderly man at Main Street residence.
      - Feb. 4: Dispatched to a Canyon Boulevard warehouse for man, 32, who fell off a roof.
      - Feb. 5: Respond to Dog Creek Road for elderly man with possible stroke.
      - Feb. 6: Paged for a woman who had fallen, First Street; subject with breathing issues, Ford Road.
    - **Seneca ambulance:**
      - Feb. 1: Responded to aid woman, 80.

- Justice Court**
- CANYON CITY – The Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:
- Exceeding speed limit: Margaret Lynn Sampson, 63, Portland, 49/30 zone, fined \$160; Patrick Alan Hagon, 43, Vale, 68/55 zone, fined \$160.
  - Driving while suspended: Casey Joe Cernazanu, 28, Prairie City, fined \$435.
  - Driving uninsured: Casey Joe Cernazanu, 28, Prairie City, fined \$260.





### Notice

## Grant County Taxpayers

The second installment of the 2014-15 property tax is due Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

Payments may be made at the Tax Collector's Office in the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and postmarked no later than February 17, 2015. Because the 15th falls on a Sunday and Monday, February 16th the courthouse is closed in observance of President's Day, the due date has been extended to Tuesday the 17th. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year.

If you have any questions, please call the Tax Office at 541-575-0107 or 541-575-0189  
PO Box 185 Canyon City, OR 97820





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Family size	Monthly income	Weekly income
1	\$1,800	\$416
2	\$2,426	\$560
3	\$3,051	\$705
4	\$3,677	\$849
5	\$4,303	\$993

Effective May 2014

For current income guidelines, go to: [www.healthoregon.org/wic](http://www.healthoregon.org/wic)

For More Information Call  
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