

# Kodesh sentenced to eight months in jail for shooting

Blue Mountain Eagle



**David Kodesh**

David Robert Kodesh pleaded guilty to two charges stemming from a shooting in John Day July 2.

Kodesh pleaded guilty to third-degree assault, a Class C felony, and menacing, a Class A misdemeanor, July 27 in Grant County Circuit Court.

post-prison supervision for the felony charge. He sen-

Judge William D. Cramer Jr. sentenced Kodesh to eight months in county jail with 24 months of post-prison supervision for the felony charge. He sen-

tenced Kodesh to 18 months of supervised probation and 60 hours of community service for the misdemeanor. Kodesh owes \$700 in fines and attorney fees.

A charge of unlawful use of a weapon against another and a charge of second-degree disorderly conduct were dismissed.

John Day Police Sergeant Damon Rand said Kodesh was reportedly arguing with Mathew Walker, 32, of John Day on the evening of July 2 in the alleyway behind Chester's Thriftway in John Day when the shooting happened.

Walker was treated and released from Blue Mountain

Hospital for a gunshot wound to the upper arm.

Kodesh was arrested in Prairie City the afternoon of July 3.

In a separate case, Walker was also arrested the afternoon of July 3 in John Day and charged with a parole violation and possession of methamphetamine.



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## Pot petition pulled

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Grant County voters will not see an initiative regarding marijuana on the November ballot but may see one in May.

Chief petitioner Cindy Kidd officially withdrew her initiative petition July 26.

The reasons she gave for the withdrawal: "1. Time frame won't work. 2. Loss of a family member. 3. Going to do this in May of 2017."

The title of the petition was "Regulation of marijuana for economic development and youth protection."

### COPS & COURTS

#### Justice Court

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Take of fish during closed season (trout): Thomas James Saunders Sr., 48, Prineville, July 11, fined \$435.

- Driving uninsured: Kenneth Robert Erick, 47, West Richland, Washington, June 20, fined \$220.

- Driving while suspended: Kenneth Robert Erick, 47, West Richland, Washington, June 20, fined \$370.

- Violation of basic rule, 75/55: Judd Richard Rush, 29, Redmond, May 28, fined \$135.

- Failure to use safety belt: Caleb Augustus Batease, 20, Canyon City, July 14, fined \$110.

#### Dispatch

Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, John Day dispatch's calls included:

- **Oregon State Police**  
July 29: Responded to a complaint of cows on the highway.

- **John Day Police**  
July 25: Responded to a report of unauthorized entry into a vehicle; dispatched for a report

of a break in at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

July 26: Responded to a theft at Best Western; responded for possible stolen vehicle in John Day.

July 27: Responded to a report of a dog bite.

July 28: Received a report of telephone fraud; received report of possible fire at Highway 7 and Highway 26 at 5:05 p.m.; report of tree on fire at Highway 395 South at milepost 12; report of theft and vandalism in Canyon City.

July 29: Recovered property previously reported as stolen.

July 30: Responded to a report of a domestic dispute in Prairie City with Oregon State Police and Grant County Sheriff's Office assisting.

- **Grant County Sheriff:**  
July 25: Followed up on an incident involving a fight with injuries; responded to a vehicle rollover on Dog Creek Road with assistance from John Day ambulance and John Day Police; responded to an unattended death in Long Creek; report of possible stolen vehicle in Canyon City.

July 26: Theft at the Sheriff's Office; responded to a report of a dispute in Mt. Vernon with assistance from Oregon State Police and John Day Police.

July 27: Dispatched for domestic dispute at Mt. Vernon RV Park with assistance from John Day Police.

July 29: Responded to a report of an intoxicated subject fighting with people and driving her vehicle at a high rate of speed in Seneca. Oregon State Police assisted.

July 30: Arrested a subject for failure to register as a sex offender.

- **John Day ambulance:**  
July 28: Responded for an elderly male who stopped breathing.

July 29: Responded for a patient with anxiety and difficulty breathing.

- **Prairie City ambulance**  
July 25: Responded for a female with breathing difficulties; dispatched for a male with difficulty breathing and weakness.

July 27: Dispatched for female with stomach pains.

- **John Day Fire Department**

July 29: Responded to a report of a structure fire at Blue Mountain Hospital.

July 30: Responded to a multiple vehicle fire and shop fire on Bumpy Road in John Day with Canyon City Fire Department and Oregon Department of Forestry.

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.

#### Circuit Court

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Circuit Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- William Donald Callahan, 53, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was sentenced to 18 months bench probation and 80 hours of community service, and fined \$1,000. His driver's license was suspended for one year. The offense date was June 18, 2013.

#### Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of July 22-28:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 4
- Average inmates: 12
- Bookings: 10
- Releases: 7
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 5
- Civil papers: 9
- Warrants processed: 1
- Asst./welfare check: 3
- Search and Rescue: 2

## JD residents will not need permit to rent rooms for eclipse

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John Day City Council members opted not to require permits for people renting rooms in their homes during the solar eclipse.

City Manager Nick Green said requiring special permits would likely require home inspections. He said the council voted unanimously against requiring the special permits for

room rentals at the July 26 regular City Council meeting.

Green said temporary use permits will still be required for people selling concessions. People interested in learning more

about any permits required can contact City Hall at 541-575-0028. The July 26 meeting was the first John Day City Council meeting in its new location at the fire hall.

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