

Williamson pleads guilty to sexual harassment

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Brad Williamson will serve 240 hours in jail after pleading guilty to sexual harassment.

Williamson, 41, was originally charged with third-degree sexual abuse, a Class A misdemeanor, accused by the state of touching the breast of a girl younger than 18 between Sept. 1, 2014, and Dec. 31, 2014, in Grant County, according to information filed in Grant County Circuit Court

by Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter.

Williamson, whose current residence is listed in court documents as Vancouver, Washington, pleaded guilty to the lesser included charge of harassment, also a Class A misdemeanor, Aug. 11. He was sentenced by Judge William D. Cramer Jr. to bench probation for 325 days, with 240 hours of jail time required, as well as 100 hours of community service. He was also ordered to pay \$1,000 to the victim.

As a condition of his probation, Williamson must complete a sexual offender treatment program and provide information to the court. He must not be involved in any youth organizations or visit places primarily for children. He must submit to polygraph and penile plethysmographic assessments. He must write an apology to the victim and have no other contact with her or her family. He must have no unsupervised contact with anyone younger than 18, except his own children.

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.

Circuit Court

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

- Jeffrey Doyle Porter, 51, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was sentenced to jail for 72 hours with possible credit for time served and 80 hours of community service. He was fined \$1,500. Offense date was April 17.

Oregon State Police

- Aug. 12: Tobie Lee Holland, 42, and Cassie Ellen Kealisher, 31, were arrested at Parrish Cabin Campground on outstanding felony warrants. After being searched, a small plastic bag was found on Kealisher, which tested positive for methamphetamine. Both were taken to the Grant County Jail; At about 12:50 p.m., Robert Martin Nichols,

73, of St. Helens was arrested at milepost 3 on Highway 395 for driving under the influence of intoxicants — alcohol and controlled substances.

- Aug. 13: At about 1:30 p.m. on Highways 26 and 19, responded to a motorcycle crash with serious injuries. Three off-duty EMTs were treating the motorcyclist who was later transported to Blue Mountain Hospital by ambulance.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Aug. 7-13:

- Ce concealed handgun licenses: 8
- Average inmates: 10
- Bookings: 4
- Releases: 5
- Fingerprints: 6
- Civil papers: 17
- Asst./welfare check: 4

Justice Court

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

- Illegal U-turn: Raymond

Richard Conners IV, 44, Bend, Aug. 8, fined \$160.

- Driving while suspended: Talia Elaina Dahlin-Bennett, 35, Medford, May 19, fined \$435.

Exceeding the speed limit: Kristen Nicole Bayley, 27, Macedonia, Ohio, June 17, fined \$135.

Failure to renew registration: Timothy Edward Moles, 49, Salem, June 11, fined \$260.

No operator's license: Heidi Lynn Cruz, 35, Pasco, Washington, June 14, fined \$260.

Violation of the speed limit: Kimberly Randleas, 40, John Day, July 22, fined \$135.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 138 calls during the week of Aug. 7-13. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

Oregon State Police:

- Aug. 14: Received a report of a driver weaving all over the road.

John Day Police:

- Aug. 9: Arrested Caleb Vielma in Prairie City for violation of a protection order.

- Aug. 10: Arrested Michael Boyer in John Day for probation violation.

- Aug. 12: Responded to a report of a theft from a vehicle parked near the fairgrounds.

- Aug. 13: Responded to a report of a fight near the fairgrounds with OSP assisting; received a report of an individual making threats to injure another.

Grant County Sheriff:

- Received report of a domestic dispute.

John Day ambulance:

- Aug. 12: Transported two patients from the bullfights.

- Aug. 13: Dispatched for two dogs left in a vehicle with no open windows in John Day; responded to a motorcycle accident; dispatched for a non-responsive male patient.

- Aug. 14: Responded for a 60-year-old male with chest pain.

U.S. Forest Service:

- Aug. 13: Advised of smoke at Canyon Mountain.

Walden 'doing all he can' to stop Owyhee monument



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About 30 people attended U.S. Rep. Greg Walden's town hall meeting in Canyon City Aug. 10. The first question was about the proposed Owyhee national monument in Eastern Oregon. Walden said he is doing all he can to stop it. Walden and attendees also discussed reining federal agencies like the EPA, better managing federal lands and helping veterans in Eastern Oregon get the health care they have earned.

Positions open for November ballot

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Long Creek, Monument, Mt. Vernon and Prairie City.

A number of local government and city council positions will be open or up for re-election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Those interested must file a declaration of candidacy or petition for nomination for office before 5 p.m. on Aug. 30.

The position of mayor is up for re-election in Canyon City, Dayville, Granite,

There are city council openings in Canyon City, Dayville, Granite, John Day, Long Creek, Monument, Mt. Vernon, Prairie City and Seneca. Additionally, there are openings on the Monument and Grant County soil and water conservation districts

Filing packets for these positions can be downloaded at oregonvotes.com.

Rail Fire, 15-percent contained, grows to 18,623 acres

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The Rail Fire near Unity is now 18,623 acres, 15-percent contained and continues to expand, according to a Tuesday fire update from Incident Commander Shawn Sheldon.

Citing an increase in winds and instability, the update said the fire had crossed the 1370 road and established itself in the Monument Rock Wilderness.

Hand crews continue to use burnout techniques, and as portions of the fire cool, mop-up activities will begin with water tenders and fire engines patrolling the perimeters for signs of smoke.

The fire is being battled by 21 crews, 21 engines, five dozers, 18 water tenders, four masticators, five skidders and six helicopters.

Crews face hot, dry weather with low humidity expected overnight.

Smoke conditions are expected to range between very unhealthy and hazardous in Unity during the morning hours.

For more information on smoke conditions and what to do, visit oregonstate.gov.

The Wallowa-Whitman and Malheur National Forests have implemented a forest closure area intended to reduce traffic on roads used by firefighters and protect the public from fires.

To see the closure area, visit inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4914. For more information, contact Malheur, 541-575-3000, or Wallowa-Whitman, 541-523-6391, officials.

For more information about the Rail Fire, call 541-446-3592.



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