

Idaho murder suspect arrested between Burns and Vale

Blue Mountain Eagle

Eastern Oregon law enforcement agencies arrested a man wanted for murder in Idaho Saturday evening on Highway 20 east of Burns.

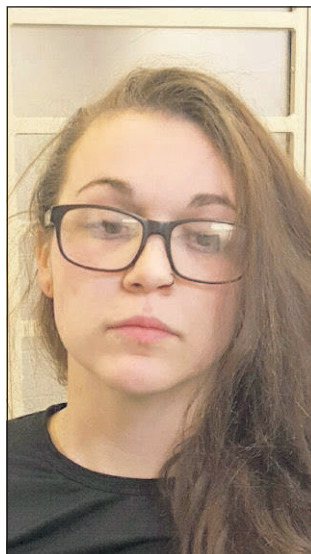
Following a high-speed chase, John David Wurdemann, 46, Twin Falls, Idaho, was taken into custody and lodged in the Malheur County Jail on two national felony warrants — one for homicide in Canyon County, Idaho, and the other for unlawful possession of a firearm — and charges of attempt to elude, felon in possession of a firearm, reckless driving and recklessly endangering another, according to a press release from the Oregon State Police.

A passenger in the vehicle, Stormy Raine Allen, 22, Twin Falls, was also taken into custody, charged with attempt to elude, felon in possession of a firearm, hindering prosecution, tampering with evidence, offensive littering and interfering with a police officer.

The incident began the evening of Feb. 4, when OSP was advised of an individual who had warrants for his arrest, who was known to have violent tendencies and to abuse drugs, was possibly traveling on Highway 20 between Burns and Ontario. With the assistance of the Harney County Sheriff's Office, Malheur County Sheriff's Office and an agent from



John David Wurdemann



Stormy Raine Allen

the Bureau of Land Management, OSP attempted to locate the blue Ford F150 pickup that the subject was reported to be driving.

At approximately 8:45 p.m., a vehicle matching the description was located near milepost 163, parked off the shoulder of the roadway. As law enforcement pulled in behind the vehicle, the vehicle accelerated and fled eastbound, according to the release.

As the vehicle fled, its speeds ranged from 50-100 mph, and the operator was driving recklessly, often-times traveling into the oncoming lanes of travel and into the path of oncoming vehicles. Numerous items, including a loaded firearm,

were thrown from the vehicle as it eluded. Those items were recovered by the Harney County Sheriff's Office. The Malheur County Sheriff's Office successfully deployed spike strips at milepost 216 and flattened the two driver's side tires. The vehicle slowed and at milepost 218, veered off the right shoulder of the roadway and into a snowdrift.

Both occupants were taken into custody without incident. The vehicle was towed to the OSP office in Ontario where it was secured. The investigation is ongoing.

Both lanes of US 20 at milepost 218 were blocked for about 15 minutes while the two subjects were being taken into custody and the scene rendered safe.

Condemnation of Public Forest Commission nullification continues

No liability cap for private fire management plan

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

Tempers flared when the nullification of the Public Forest Commission was revisited on Wednesday.

Former county judge Mark Webb brought up the official standing of the commission during the weekly Grant County Court meeting. Grant County Judge Scott Myers and commissioner Boyd Britton reaffirmed they did not support an appeal of Grant County Circuit Court Judge William D. Cramer Jr.'s decision to nullify the measure that created the commission, after they declined to file an appeal before the Dec. 17 deadline to do so.

Former members of the forest commission again expressed their dismay at the commission being nullified without anyone notifying them of the circuit court proceedings. Former Grant County commissioner Chris Labhart stated each of the court dates had been publicly posted.

In 2016, Cramer ruled the measure creating the commission should not have been placed on the ballot in 2002 because the measure sought to assume control of all public lands in the county, which conflicted with paramount state and federal law.

People upset with the nullification have argued the

measure only intended to create a commission to manage lands if and when they were legally conveyed to the county. This was the exact argument the county's legal counsel, Ron Yockim, made when defending the measure on behalf of the county before Cramer in circuit court, but the judge was not convinced.

"Chief petitioner (Dave) Traylor and the voters, even if they read only the summary, were without doubt voting to manage public lands," Cramer said in the opinion nullifying the measure. "To assert or argue otherwise demeans Mr. Traylor and the voters (sic) ability to express themselves and comprehend what is written. ... To find that the purpose was to set up only a Forest Commission with no lands to manage would require this Court to twist the language of the measure. That interpretation is not believable, not true, and would ask this Court to manufacture a legal fiction."

Cramer also said in the opinion a legally valid measure could be developed to create a new forest commission that functions as the former commission had been — a new measure that does not conflict with paramount state and federal law by asserting authority it does not have to manage all public lands within the county.

In other court news, Eco-

economic Development Coordinator Sally Bartlett discussed the submission of a fire management assistance grant to FEMA. She also updated the court on an addendum to a hazard mitigation plan that would add Canyon City to the Northeast Oregon Regional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan to give the city access to emergency funds.

Bartlett also informed the court of the dissolution of the Blue Mountain Resource Conservation and Development area — a volunteer council that helped people protect and develop local resources — due to lack of USDA funding.

The court also heard an update from Webb on Allan Mullin's Zone 1 fire plan for his land and the subject of liability. Webb said there is no cap on liability costs if Mullin was unable to contain a fire on his lands. Grant County Commissioner Boyd Britton said he would work with state representatives to communicate Mullin's issues.

Mullin presented a plan to fight fire on his land in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Forestry at a Dec. 21 court meeting. The plan states, "ODF will coordinate any fire-fighting efforts on this property with Allan Mullin. Mr. Mullin will have final say in how the ODF approaches wildfire containment, fire line placement and back-burns on his property."

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:

- Ashley Dawne Hicks was convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants and sentenced to 18 months probation, 80 hours community service and fined \$1,255.

- Diana Marie Sandersfeld, 38, was convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving uninsured and was given a suspended sentence of one year suspended driver's license, 24 months probation, 10 days in jail and fined \$1,885.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Jan. 26 - Feb. 1: concealed handgun licenses, 4; average inmates, 3; bookings, 6; releases, 8; citations, 1; fingerprints, 5; civil papers, 17; warrants processed, 6; asst./welfare check, 1.

- Possession of marijuana by a person under 21: Brady Burch, 19, John Day, Jan. 31.

Justice Court

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

- Minor in possession of alcohol: Angeline Smith, 18, fined \$260 and driver's license suspended for one year; Antonio M. Dancer, 19, fined \$260 and driver's license suspended

- for one year; Tanner J. George, 18, fined \$260, required to attend victim impact panel and driver's license suspended for one year; Ricky W. Weickum Jr., 19, fined \$260, required to attend victim impact panel and driver's license suspended for one year.

- Minor in possession of marijuana: Angeline Smith, 18, fined \$260; Tanner J. George, 18, fined \$260 and driver's license suspended for one year; Ricky W. Weickum Jr., 19, fined \$260, required to attend victim impact panel and driver's license suspended for one year.

- Improper use of emergency reporting system: Billy D. Perez, John Day, fined \$435.

- Unsafe passing on the left: Richard Kenneth Sladky, 61, Mt. Vernon, Jan. 17, fined \$220.

- Dog as a public nuisance: Janelle Martens, 27, Canyon City, Jan. 7, fined \$260; Katie Watt, 31, Union, Nov. 30, fined \$260 with six month diversion and dismissed if no conviction prior to July 31.

- Careless driving, no accident: Levi Robert McClellan, 20, John Day, Dec. 23, fined \$220.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 133 calls during the week of Jan. 30 to Feb. 5. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police

Jan. 31: Responded to a report of fraud. Responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at the Meadowbrook Apartments.

Feb. 1: Received a report of a stolen vehicle, which was unfounded as the caller's car was still in the parking lot.

Feb. 4: Responded to a report of a stalking order violation.

• Grant County Sheriff

Jan. 30: Responded to a report of a suspicious person in the Humboldt area.

Jan. 31: Notified of a caller who believed someone was

going to break into his house while he was away. Informed a 23-year-old Canyon City resident was arrested by Jackson County officers on a Grant County Warrant.

Feb. 2: Arrested a subject from a previous incident.

• John Day ambulance

Feb. 2: Dispatched for a male subject with a possible stroke.

Feb. 4: Dispatched for a female subject with possible heart attack or stroke.

Feb. 5: Responded for a 39-year-old male with extremely low blood sugar.

• Prairie City Fire Department

Feb. 2: Responded to a report of a stove pipe fire in Prairie City.

• John Day Fire Department

Feb. 2: Responded to a fire on Blue Heron Road.

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Notice Grant County Taxpayers

The second installment of the 2016-2017 property tax is due Wednesday, February 15, 2017 by 5 p.m.

Payments may be made at the tax collector's office at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and POSTMARKED no later than February 15, 2017. 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

Robbins Farm Equipment

3850 10th St. Baker City 541-523-6377

10218 Wallowa Lake Hwy. La Grande 541-963-6577

1160 S Egan Burns 541-573-6377

86812 Christmas Valley Hwy. Christmas Valley 541-523-6377

If You Bought a TV or Computer Monitor That Contained a Cathode Ray Tube ("CRT"), During the Years 1995 through 2007, You May be Affected by This Litigation and May Benefit from a Settlement.

Please read this notice carefully as your legal rights are affected whether you act or do not act. PARA UNA NOTIFICACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, LLAMAR O VISITAR NUESTRO WEBSITE.

The Oregon Attorney General filed a lawsuit against certain manufacturers of Cathode Ray Tubes ("CRTs"). The lawsuit alleges that CRT manufacturers illegally agreed upon the pricing of CRTs. The Attorney General filed this action in her law enforcement capacity, and on behalf of the State of Oregon and Oregon natural persons, and sought equitable relief, restitution, civil penalties and injunctive relief.

Oregon has settled with five defendants for a total of \$3,645,000 ("Settlement Fund"). The State of Oregon and Oregon natural persons may be entitled to a portion of the Settlement Fund. "Oregon natural persons" means a human, not a business.

Who Is Included?

The State of Oregon and Oregon natural persons who indirectly purchased at any time during the years 1995 to 2007, for their own use and not for resale CRTs incorporated in TVs or computer monitors. An indirect purchaser is someone that purchased products containing a CRT from someone other than the company that manufactured the CRT component, such as from an electronics retailer or a device manufacturer other than one of the Defendants.

What Are My Rights And Options?

Exclude yourself: Oregon natural persons have the right to exclude themselves from this action. The State of Oregon cannot be excluded. If you opt out, you will not be legally bound by the litigation or these settlements, but you will not get any money or other benefits from this action or these settlements. You will retain any rights you currently have, if any. Please note that under Oregon law, authority to bring antitrust actions for indirect purchaser claims, like this action, was limited to actions by the Attorney General until January 1, 2010.

To opt-out, complete the opt-out registration online at www.OregonScreenSettlement.com or send a written letter stating that you want to be excluded from the case: *State of Oregon, ex rel Ellen F. Rosenblum v. LG Electronics, Inc. et al.*, Multnomah County Circuit Court case no. CV 120810246. The letter must include

the case name, your name, address, telephone number, and signature. The letter must be **postmarked on or before March 18, 2017**, and mailed to: Oregon CRT Settlement, c/o GCG, P.O. Box 10240, Dublin, Ohio 43017-5740.

File a claim: Only Oregon natural persons need to file a claim to obtain benefits from these settlements. Claims can be completed online or by mailing the claim form, available for download at www.OregonScreenSettlement.com, to the Settlement Administrator. The Court has not set a deadline for filing claims, as the case has not concluded.

Do nothing: If you do nothing, you will continue to be represented by the Oregon Attorney General in the action. You will be bound by the terms of the settlements, and will release Defendants and related entities from any claims you may have relating to the allegations in this lawsuit. Oregon natural persons that do not file a claim will not be entitled to any benefits in this matter and will be bound by the terms of the settlement.

Who Represents Me?

The Attorney General of Oregon represents the State and Oregon natural persons. You do not have to pay the Attorney General. The Attorney General will request the Court approve attorney fees and litigation costs from the Settlement Fund. Additional costs to administer the Settlements will also come out of the Settlement Fund. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, and have that lawyer appear in Court for you, you must exclude yourself and hire an attorney at your own expense.

How Do I Get More Information?

This Notice summarizes the lawsuits and the Settlements. You can get more information about the lawsuits and Settlements, the claims process or obtain a claim form at www.OregonScreenSettlement.com, by calling 1-877-940-7791, or writing to: Oregon CRT Settlement, c/o GCG, P.O. Box 10240, Dublin, Ohio 43017-5740.

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