

COPS AND 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 Circuit Court

Christine Michelle Barington was found guilty of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and issued a suspended sentence of 18 months probation, 25 hours community service, five days in jail, fined \$250 and required to pay \$150 in restitution.

Burton Soto pleaded guilty to interference with making a report and was sentenced to 30 days jail, 18 months probation and fined \$350. One count of menacing and one count of third-degree criminal mischief were dismissed.

Oregon State Police

Marcus Randall Lewis, 32, was arrested and charged with two counts of menacing and two counts of second-degree disorderly conduct after impeding traffic and menacing a park ranger with a firearm on June 6. Brandon Neil Hoodie, 28, Burns, was cited for open container and driving while suspended after being stopped on Highway 395 near milepost 117 on June 6.

Justice Court

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

Violation of the basic rule: Alyssa Nichole Davies, 26, Hermiston, 84/55 zone, May 29, fined \$260; Colleen D. Brady, 42, Baker City, 71/55 zone, May 22, fined \$160; Colton Tyler Howard, 27, Tempe, Arizona, 83/55 zone, May 13, fined \$260; Quinton Brock Nyman, 21, Crane, 91/55 zone, May 21, fined \$435; Elijah Allison, 42, Mt. Vernon, 73/55 zone, May 21, fined \$160; Paul A. Yost, 36, Redmond, 70/55 zone, May 14, fined \$160; Jacob Ryan Batease, 23, Canyon City, 70/55 zone, May 14, fined \$160.

Violation of the speed limit: Scott Andrew Nasburg, 55, Portland, 44/25 zone, May 29, fined \$160.

Exceeding the speed limit: Anastasia U. Kikuharu, 29, Portland, 50/35 zone, May 2, fined \$135; Christine Marie Gibbens, 46, May 21, fined \$160; Kent Blaine Cherry, 32, John Day, 72/65, May 22, fined \$160.

Permit the unlawful operation of a vehicle: Shannon Fay McGee, 38, Baker City, May 26, fined \$260.

Driving uninsured: Michael Alan Wiles, 55, Baker City, May 26, fined \$260; Dennis Brian Asher, 50, Bend, May 10, fined \$130.

No operator's license: Michael Alan Wiles, 55, Baker City, May 26, fined \$260.

Failure to properly use a seatbelt: Takoda Lee Propeck, 18, Prairie City, May 7, fined \$110.

Use of cell phone while driving: Sawyer Ross Watterson, 26, John Day, April 30, fined \$160.

Harassment: Shadwick Edward Moles, fined \$435.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 144 calls during the week of June 6-11. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

John Day Police Department

June 5: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's office to a report of a dispute. Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office to a report of a domestic dispute in John Day.

June 7: Assisted a lost middle-schooler at the airport.

June 9: Received a report of speeding vehicles in the Bridge Street and Charolais Heights area. Made contact with a subject who received a cryptic voice mail; subject was OK.

June 9: Received a report of a group of suspicious subjects outside Chester's Thriftway.

June 10: Arrested a 44-year-old John Day resident for disorderly conduct after receiving a report of someone trying to kick in a door at the Meadowbrook Apartments while the owner was inside.

Grant County Sheriff's Office

June 5: Responded to a report of a domestic dispute.

June 6: Responded with John Day police to a dispute on Antelope Lane. A caller reported she was being filmed, photographed and harassed while trying to move out of her residence. Sheriff's deputies and state police separated the two parties. Responded to a report of possession of a controlled substance at the Blue Mountain Lodge.

June 7: Received a report of a subject sighting a gun near Highway 26.

June 8: Took a report of abuse and assault in Seneca. Advised of a report of theft in Canyon City.

June 9: Responded to reports of someone trespassing at the Dayville School and arrested a 35-year-old Dayville resident. Received a report of a break-in in Dayville. Received a report of an aggressive dog running loose in Mt. Vernon.

June 10: Responded with John Day ambulance, Long Creek ambulance and John Day police to a report of a woman being stabbed in the Hunter Springs area.

John Day ambulance

June 8: Responded for a 55-year-old patient who fell off a ladder at Grant Union High school.

Oregon State Police

June 6: Advised of a possible rolling domestic disturbance in Umatilla County near Battle Mountain.

June 9: Responded to a report of an assault in Seneca. Received a report of a large bull in the road on Highway 395 near mile post 73B. Responded to a single-vehicle accident on Highway 395 North near milepost 103B.

Dispatch

June 9: Received a report of a possible drunk-driving crash.

United States Forest Service

June 9: Advised along with the Mt. Vernon Fire Department of a report of a forest fire in the area of Fields Creek and Highway 26.

June 11: Arrested a 43-year-old Pennsylvania resident on a Sherman County warrant.

Wahdat found guilty of sexual abuse, harassment

Blue Mountain Eagle

A John Day resident was sentenced to 25 days in jail and two years of probation for sex crimes June 7.

Ghulam Mohammad Wahdat, 63, was found guilty of two counts of third-degree sexual abuse and one count of harassment June 7 in Grant County Circuit Court, according to court documents.

Wahdat waived his right for a jury trial June 7, after pleading not guilty to four



Ghulam Mohammad Wahdat

charges March 9. Judge William D. Cramer Jr. found Wahdat guilty on the three charges and dismissed another count of harassment. Cramer sentenced Wahdat to 24 months probation, 100 hours community service and 25 days in jail with credit for time served.

Wahdat must register as a sex offender, according to court documents.

Wahdat was accused of knowingly and unlawfully subjecting one victim to sexual contact by touching intimate parts of her body between Sept. 1, 2015, and May 30, 2016, according to court documents, and of unlawfully and intentionally harassing another victim between June 1, 2015, and Sept. 30, 2015, by subjecting her to offensive physical contact.

Jail could rent extra beds to Department of Justice

By Rylan Boggs  
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Grant County Jail could begin to rent excess beds to the Oregon Department of Justice.

The idea was discussed during a June 6 Grant County Court meeting held in Monument, where residents asked why beds would be rented. Grant County Judge Scott Myers explained the jail had been built in 1997 when population growth was anticipated and that the demand for beds decreased due to a change in state and federal policies of not detaining illegal aliens for being undocumented.

The jail contains 41 beds, only 17 of which were occupied June 6. An increase in inmate numbers would likely require additional staff, Myers said.

Monument residents were also curious if they could expect increased cellphone coverage in the future. Myers said because of the upcoming eclipse, cell providers were looking at investing in the area and covering "shadow locations" with little or no service. There is practically no cell service in Monument,



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Monument Fire Chief Earl Pettit talks with Grant County Commissioner Boyd Britton about a recently acquired fire engine after a County Court meeting in Monument.

according to a city employee.

During the meeting, County Commissioner Boyd Britton expressed concern about the Forest Service's uncompleted biological assessments, which are keeping grazing permittees off federal grazing land. He also encouraged residents to email state Sen. Ted Ferrioli and Rep. Cliff Bentz in regards to a transportation package, increased 911 funding and a land use planning bill that would grant Eastern Oregon counties more autonomy in creating land use laws.

Myers said he is working with John Day City Manager Nick Green to improve internet speeds in the area and said results could be expected in the near future.

Commissioner Jim Hamsher said Emergency Management Coordinator Ted Williams has been holding meetings to prepare rural areas for an influx of people during the eclipse. Hamsher also said he has been attempting to repair and maintain the Keerins Hall building at the county fairgrounds.

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