

Dress pleads not guilty to all six felonies



Sherry Dress

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Sherry Dress pleaded not guilty to six felony charges related to falsified birth records in Multnomah County Circuit Court June 16. Dress, 69, of John Day is charged with two counts of computer crime and two counts of unlawful use of a vital record or

report. A June 1 grand jury indictment accuses Dress of using a computer to defraud, making a false statement to the State Registrar of the Center for Health Statistics and counterfeiting a record on July 21, 2014, and April 24, 2015. State prosecutors filed a notice of intent June 20 to seek an upward departure for a sentence ex-

ceeding the maximum presumptive sentence. The state will seek a jury finding on factors of a vulnerable victim, persistent involvement unrelated to current crime, violation of public/professional trust and probability that the defendant cannot be rehabilitated, according to the court document. A settlement conference is

scheduled for Aug. 24.

Dress is also awaiting trial in Washington on two counts of practicing midwifery without a license.

Dress' Oregon midwifery license, which had already expired, was revoked earlier this year after she stopped appealing a claim by the Board of Direct Entry Mid-

wifery that she falsified birth certificates, certifying births occurred in Oregon that actually occurred in Washington.

Dress, who was a midwife in Oregon for 16 years before the state implemented a midwife licensing system, told the Eagle she had done nothing that could not be explained.

City hires project manager

Aaron Lieuallen to start July 1

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

The city of John Day has hired a senior project manager for the Oregon Pine project.

Aaron Lieuallen will be working on the 52-acre property the city recently purchased for economic development.

"Oregon Pine is going to be a big project," he said. "It's starting, but it's in its infancy, so what my role will be is to be determined."

Lieuallen's part-time position starts July 1. Initially, he will be using GIS software to

map the city's utilities to create a more easily accessible and modernized database.

He is excited to begin work on the Oregon Pine project as well as to diversify his skill set.

"It just seemed like a great opportunity to get involved with the city and the public works department," he said.

Lieuallen earned a construction management degree from Oregon State University. He then worked at Cam West Development, a builder in the Puget Sound area, as a project manager. The company was later acquired by Toll Brothers, a national builder, where he worked as a purchasing manager.

He and his family moved to

John Day when his wife was hired at Blue Mountain Hospital.

Since then, he has been a stay-at-home dad taking care of their 2- and 4-year-old children and working with the Ponderosa Parents Association. He is also on the board of the Grant County Economic Council working on projects including the bike park at the Seventh Street Complex.

"The reason I wanted to be involved was, having younger kids, I wanted to see some more opportunities come into the county," Lieuallen said.

In his spare time, he enjoys camping and sailing with his family on the Phillips Reservoir outside Baker City.



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Aaron Lieuallen stands for a photo at the Oregon Pine property in John Day on Friday, June 9.

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

Nicholas Ryan Palmquist, 30, was convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants. His license was suspended for one year, and he was sentenced to 24 months probation and 48 hours in jail with credit for time served and fined \$1,355.00.

Britt Mitchell Willcox pleaded guilty to third-degree criminal mischief. He was sentenced to 18 months probation, 40 hours community service, two days in jail and fined \$671.60. One count of recklessly endangering another person was dismissed.

David Shane Thompson was found guilty of a probation violation for use of intoxicants and failure to obey all laws. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, issued a no-contact order and fined \$25.

Burton William Soto was found guilty of a probation violation after breaking a no-contact order. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail with credit for time served and fined \$25.

Oregon State Police

Responded to a semi trailer that spilled a load of logs onto the shoulder of Highway 395 South June 23. The cause of the incident was found to be a top-heavy load, and speed was thought not to be a factor.

Responded to a vehicle-bicycle crash in Picture Gorge June 23. A 72-year-old cyclist was taken to Blue Mountain Hospital by ambulance and later transported by AirLife. The investigation is ongoing.

Arrested Olle Leroy Starnes, 47, John Day, for failure to register annually as a sex offender June 23.

Arrested Anthony Michael Gonzalez, 58, Bullhead City, Arizona, on a warrant June 24.

Arrested Damian Christian Patteeuw, 23, Redmond, June 24 for driving under the influence of a controlled substance, after pulling him over for failing to drive within his lane and observing signs of impairment from cannabis.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of June 16-23: concealed handgun licenses, 12; average inmates, 14; bookings, 15; releases, 13; citations, 3; fingerprints, 7; civil papers, 10; warrants processed, 1; asst./welfare check, 4; search and rescue, 1.

Julianne Hanson, 37, Canyon City was cited for keeping a dog as a nuisance June 19.

George Duff, 66, Joplin, Missouri, was cited for littering and open container June 19.

Justice Court

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

Exceeding the speed limit: Mariah Joe Mitchell, 25, La Pine, 50/30 zone, May 26, fined \$160; Scott Arnold Warren, 52, Central Point, 73/65 zone, June 8, fined \$160; Ronald Earl Long, 58, Redmond, 74/65 zone, May 26, fined \$160; Gerald L. Harris, 82, Hines, 80/65 zone, May 26, fined \$220; Shane Rickie Combs, 37, John Day, 43/25 zone, May 22, fined \$135; Terri Merleen Porter, 57, John Day, 47/30 zone, June 9, fined \$135; Courtney Lane Macinnnes, 22, Fossil, 53/45 zone, June 3, fined \$135.

Violation of the speed limit: Tamera Gale Alley, 53, Culver, 45/25 zone, May 29, fined \$160; Gideon Elijah Davis, 19, Summit Point, West Virginia, 48/30 zone, June 16, fined \$160.

Driving Uninsured: Windy A. Knight, 35, Cordova, Tennessee, June 7, fined \$135.

Failure to properly use seatbelt: Mitchell Lorne Lambeth, 35, John Day, May 29, fined \$110.

Open container of alcohol: Ronald Eldon White, 48, John Day, May 29, fined \$260.

Semi trailer exceeding 53 feet: Bersain Monrreal-Carrillo, 40, Santa Ana, California, June 9, fined \$110.

Driving while revoked: Kevin John Rapp, 31, John Day, May 7, fined \$1,000.

Failure to yield at a T intersection: Alex Barajas, 34, John Day, June 12, fined \$220.

Jayson Paul Thompson was found guilty of third-degree theft and sentenced to seven days in jail and fined \$100.

Gideon Elijah Davis was found guilty of giving false information to a police officer and fined \$435.

Ryan T. Cook was found guilty of minor in possession of marijuana and had his license revoked for one year, with possible reinstatement after 90 days, and fined \$285.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 271 calls during the week of June 19-25. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police Department

June 19: Took a report of a package being opened and items stolen. Responded to a report of disorderly conduct at America's Best Value Inn.

June 20: Advised of a harassment issue in Prairie City. Received a report of an unwanted subject and a group of people loitering at Chester's Thriftway. Responded with the John Day Fire Department for a burning vehicle on Highway 26.

June 21: Arrested a 26-year-old for menacing in Prairie City after responding with Grant County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police to a domestic disturbance. Arrested a 22-year-old John Day resident for a probation violation on Highway 26.

June 22: Received a call of unwanted subjects with a dog in Chester's. Received a report of unwanted subjects asking for money at the Sinclair station.

June 23: Arrested a 22-year-old Florida man for third-degree theft at Chester's. Responded to a report of mail being tampered with. Arrested a 38-year-old for violating a no-contact release agreement.

June 24: Received a report of panhandling at Chester's.

June 25: Responded to a report of a prowler in John Day. Arrested a 43-year-old John Day resident for harassment, resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer after responding to a report of an assault with Grant County Sheriff's Office. Took a report of a runaway teen in John Day.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

June 19: Took a report of a dead goat that was previously reported stolen.

June 20: Dispatched to a re-

port of illegal dumping.

June 21: Received a report of a mentally unstable person who said they stabbed someone near the covered wagon on Highway 26.

June 22: Responded to a dispute in the Dayville area.

June 23: Received a report of a subject trespassing and camping on private property.

June 24: Received a report of a stolen vehicle from the Rainbow Gathering. Responded to a report of a verbal dispute and unwanted subjects in Mt. Vernon. Responded to a report of a wreck and abandoned vehicle at Magone Lake.

June 25: Responded to a report of unwanted subjects at a ranch near Izee. A 27-year-old Willamina resident was arrested by the Polk County Sheriff's Office on a Grant County warrant.

• John Day ambulance

June 23: Responded to a bicyclist-vehicle accident in Picture Gorge.

June 24: Responded to a motor vehicle accident with entrapments on Highway 245 near Hereford.

• Oregon State Police

June 23: Received a report of a log truck that spilled half its load on Highway 395 South.

June 24: Responded with the Prairie City Ambulance to a single motor vehicle accident on Highway 26.

• United States Forest Service

June 19: Conducted a traffic stop on Forest Service Road 24, and a 16-year-old Grant County resident was taken into custody by Grant County Parole.

June 20: Warned a driver for faulty equipment and possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. Conducted a traffic stop on Forest Service Road 24 and issued a warning for possession of marijuana.

June 21: Warned a subject for camping too close to a creek and warned a subject for littering at the Rainbow Gathering.

June 23: Made an arrest on Forest Service Road 24.

John Day, North Fork watershed council awarded feasibility study grants

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provide matching funds for their feasibility studies.

The Oregon Water Resources Department has awarded more than \$411,000 in eight grants for water conservation, reuse and storage feasibility studies.

Two of those awards will go to Grant County applicants: the city of John Day, to study the reuse of wastewater, and the North Fork John Day Watershed Council, to examine natural water storage capacity through wet meadow restoration, according to a press release. The city will receive a \$50,000 grant, and the watershed council will receive \$40,505 grant. Both recipients will

"We are excited to conduct studies that will help Oregonians address both instream and out-of-stream needs," Oregon Water Resources Department Director Tom Byler said in the release. "Communities will be able to determine whether or not a project is viable, and if it makes sense to pursue and implement that project."

For more information about the Water Resources Development Program and its funding opportunities visit oregon.gov/OWRD/pages/Water_Resources_Development_Program.aspx.

Log truck overturns on Highway 395



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An Iron Triangle log truck overturned between mile markers 13 and 14 on Highway 395 South between John Day and Seneca Friday. The driver said he was uninjured, but the highway was closed for about an hour as about a dozen logs were cleared.

Thank you to all who helped make our June 2017 yard sale a success. We appreciate everyone who donated, purchased, helped set up, helped clean up, loaned tables and displays, priced items, and staffed the sale. And thanks to the Grant County Chamber of Commerce for letting us use their parking lot. The funds raised help keep the Grant County Genealogical Society Library and Research Center open for genealogical research.

Grant County Genealogical Society



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