

# Boydston sentenced to 35 months for Harney County drug delivery

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An Oregon City man was sentenced to 35 months on prison Sept. 22 after pleading guilty to delivering drugs in Harney County.

Garrett Boydston was indicted on charges of unlawful delivery of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of methamphetamine after Burns Police Department officers found



**Garrett Boydston**

more than 100 grams of the drug July 18, 2016. Officers responded to a report of an attempted break in at local storage units and made contact with Boydston, who was attempting to break into a storage unit, according to a Harney

County District Attorney's Office press release. The car Boydston was driving had been reported stolen. When Boydston failed to provide satisfactory documentation, he and a passenger were arrested.

During an inventory of the stolen car, officers noted drug paraphernalia. The inventory ceased, and officers obtained a search warrant for the remainder of the vehicle.

During a thorough search of the vehicle, a dealer quantity of methamphetamine was discovered that exceeded 100 grams.

Harney County Deputy District Attorney Ryan Hughes prosecuted the case. Per Oregon sentencing guidelines, Boydston was sentenced to 35 months in prison, followed by 36 months post-prison supervision.

# Fire restrictions eased on forests

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Public use restrictions on public lands have been reduced across Grant County.

All three ranger districts on the Malheur National Forest have lifted all public use restrictions pertaining to recreational chainsaw use, smoking and off-road travel.

Seasonal campfire restrictions remain in place until Oct. 31. Seasonal campfire restrictions require visitors to build their campfire in a fire pit surrounded by dirt, rock or commercial rings, in areas cleared of all flammable material within a three-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Campfires

must be attended at all times, and a shovel and one gallon of water are required while building and tending campfires. These requirements also apply to the use of charcoal briquettes.

Additionally, portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled gas and wood burning stoves equipped with a chimney that is at least five feet in length with a spark-arresting screen consisting of quarter-inch mesh hardware cloth are allowed.

For more information, visit [fs.usda.gov/malheur](http://fs.usda.gov/malheur).

On lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry, open burning — including campfires, warming fires,

burning yard debris and slash burning from logging — is still prohibited. Campfires will still only be allowed at designated locations, primarily at local state parks.

However, use of chainsaws, mowing of dried grass and welding/cutting of metal will be allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. All other rules remain the same for these activities including on-site firefighting tools and fire watch as required. These restrictions are intended to reduce human-caused fires.

More information regarding the specific restrictions can be found at [odf-centraloregon.com](http://odf-centraloregon.com).



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**This bull elk was shot with a rifle during archery season and left to waste on Silvies Valley Ranch. The ranch is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.**

## \$5,000 reward offered in Harney County elk poaching

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The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is asking for the public's help to identify the person responsible for the unlawful taking and wasting of a bull elk at Silvies Valley Ranch in Harney County.

Silvies Valley Ranch is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case, and the Oregon Hunters Association Turn In Poachers fund is offering a \$500 reward.

On the morning of Sept. 23, OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers were notified of a

dead bull elk on the ranch property. The deceased bull elk was discovered by a ranch employee near the southwest corner of the ranch, near Buffalo Reservoir. A trooper responded to the ranch and discovered the bull appeared to have been shot with a high-powered rifle during archery season. The bull was left to waste and was possibly shot one or two days prior to being discovered.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Trooper Dean Trent through the Turn In Poachers (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888 or 541-589-2547.

## 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

Adam Alexander Green, 19, a transient, pleaded guilty Sept. 21 to first-degree criminal trespass and second-degree criminal mischief committed on Sept. 14. He was sentenced to 25 days in jail.

Russell Wayne Moore, 54, Mt. Vernon, pleaded guilty Sept. 21 to possession of methamphetamine on May 12, 2016, and first-degree failure to appear on Feb. 9. He was sentenced to 10 months and 10 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and two years of probation. He was fined \$200. He was ordered not to possess firearms or ammunition, and his license was suspended for six months. Counts of second-degree failure to appear and delivery of methamphetamine were dismissed. His probation on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and fourth-degree assault were revoked, and he was sentenced to an additional 60 days in jail. As part of a global plea agreement involving all these cases, another charge of first-degree failure to appear from Jan. 12 was also dismissed.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Sept. 14-21:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 15
- Bookings: 2
- Releases: 2
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 2
- Fingerprints: 3
- Civil papers: 6
- Warrants processed: 1
- Asst./welfare check: 0
- Search and Rescue: 0

### Justice Court

The Grant County Justice

Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Driving while suspended violation: Ben G. Luethel Jr., 73, Mount Vernon, Aug. 31, fined \$435; Blake R. Tirico, 23, Seneca, July 28, fined \$445; Stephanie Lindsley, 53, Trail, June 23, fined \$435; Scott A. Feeley, 34, Baker City, July 13, fined \$435; Walter L. Eaton Jr., 47, Burns, Aug. 4, fined \$435; Chloe I. Harris, 22, Prairie City, July 1, fined \$435.
- Driving uninsured: Blake R. Tirico, 23, Seneca, July 28, fined \$270; Scott A. Feeley, 34, Baker City, July 13, fined \$260; William J. Collier, 24, John Day, July 17, fined \$260; Chloe I. Harris, 22, Prairie City, July 1, fined \$260.
- Violation of the basic rule: Tami L. Sasser, 35, Kimberly, July 7, 75/55 zone, fined \$160; Donald L. Mathews, 52, Phoenix, Arizona, July 30, 68/55 zone, fined \$160; Ryan J. Bernhard, 21, Scappoose, July 15, 111/55 zone, fined \$1,150.
- Speed limit violation: Zach C. Gwillim, 20, Monroe, Sept. 1, 55/30 zone, fined \$220; Derek H. Goldflam, 40, Los Angeles, California, Aug. 20, 60/45 zone, fined \$170; Shaen G. Nicolay, 29, Kuna, Idaho, Aug. 20, 71/65 zone, fined \$170; Naomi F. Nesson, 26, San Francisco, California, 50/30 zone, fined \$135; Omar Ceja, 20, Prairie City, Aug. 21, 102/65 zone, fined \$1,150; Blake R. Tirico, 23, Seneca, July 28, 65/35 zone, fined \$270; Walter L. Eaton Jr., 47, Burns, Aug. 4, 38/25 zone, fined \$160.
- Speed racing: Ryan J. Bernhard, 21, Scappoose, July 15, 111/55 zone, fined \$435.
- Careless driving, accident: Ivan A. Anglo Salazar, 28, Othello, Washington, July 25, fined \$435; Ryan J. Bernhard, 21, Scappoose, July 15, fined \$260.
- Failure to obey traffic control device: Dennis Asher, 50, Bend, May 5, fined \$260, May 5, \$130.
- No operator's license:

William J. Collier, 24, John Day, July 17, fined \$260.

- Registration sticker expired: William J. Collier, 24, John Day, July 17, fined \$110.
- Failure to drive with-in lane: Linda R. Mills, 65, Echo, July 20, fined \$260; Michael A. Hughes, 65, Keauu, Hawaii, July 14, fined \$260.
- Failure to signal with lights: Dennis Asher, 50, Bend, May 5, fined \$110.
- Obstruction of vehicle windows: Logan W. Ortman, 27, John Day, July 21, fined \$110.
- Failure to maintain safe distance: Dylan H. Bechtel, 22, La Crescenta, California, Aug. 20, fined \$220.
- Driving while revoked: Donald L. Mathews, 52, Phoenix, Arizona, July 30, fined \$435.
- Ryan L. Sagaser, Canyon City, was convicted of second degree theft. He was fined \$760.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 117 calls during the week of Sept. 18-24. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

### John Day Police Department

Sept 18: Report of a bear sitting in a garage in Prairie City.

Sept. 19: Report of a possible theft on McHaley Street in Prairie City.

Sept. 20: Responded to a report of a bad check at a restaurant in John Day.

Sept. 21: Report of a fraud at a thrift store in John Day.

Sept. 23: Arrested a 30-year-old woman at a motel in John Day for disorderly conduct.

### Grant County Sheriff's Office

Sept. 18: Responded to a suicidal subject in Mt. Vernon.

Sept. 19: Responded to a domestic dispute report in Mt. Vernon.

Sept. 21: Responded to horses on Highway 26.

Sept. 21: Report of a trespassing hunter near Hansen Lane.

Sept. 22: Responded to an intoxicated person at Grant Union High School.

Sept. 24: Responded to a domestic dispute report in Monument.

### John Day ambulance

Sept. 19: John Day ambulance and Prairie City ambulance and fire provided assistance to Baker City for a vehicle accident on Highway 26.

Sept. 19: Responded to a 91-year-old woman on Highway 26.

Sept. 21: John Day and Seneca ambulances responded to a 67-year-old man in Logan Valley.

Sept. 21: Responded to a 76-year-old man in John Day.

Sept. 22: John Day and Long Creek ambulances responded to a 34-year-old man in Long Creek.

Sept. 23: Responded to a 3-year-old boy in John Day.

Sept. 23: Responded to a 67-year-old man in John Day.

### Oregon State Police

Sept. 24: Report of illegal hunting on Trout Road.

Sept. 24: Report of a possible restraining order violation on Highway 26.

## GRANT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3 Board of Director Vacancy

Grant School District #3 is accepting applications for a board of director vacancy. Applicants must reside within District 3's Zone 3 boundaries and be a registered voter for one year. A zone map is available online at <http://www.grantesd.k12.or.us/District-3/board-members.html>. Term will run through June 30, 2019. Those interested in applying may pick up an application from Superintendent Curt Shelley, 401 N. Canyon City Blvd., Canyon City. Application deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 11.

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