

Police make two warrant arrests in Prairie City

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Two people with warrants from other counties were arrested Thursday in Prairie City.

Charles Downie, 26, of Milwaukie was arrested on several Tillamook County warrants, and Sarah Schindlbeck, 24, of Oregon City was arrested on a Clackamas County warrant, according to a press release from John Day Police Chief Richard Gray.

An outside agency notified the police department that a person with several warrants was in Prairie City, Gray said. The suspect was located at a residence on the 200 block of McHaley Street.

Gray said Downie attempted to run from officers but was taken into custody. Officers contacted Schindlbeck at the residence, who admitted she also had a warrant, he said.

Officer Scott Moore arrested both subjects with assistance from Gray.

According to court documents, Downie pleaded guilty to possession of heroin in



John Day Police Chief Richard Gray.

Washington County on Aug. 5 and was sentenced to 45 days of incarceration and one year of post-prison supervision. A warrant was issued Nov. 20 for third-degree escape on Nov. 16 in Tillamook County.

Schindlbeck pleaded guilty to second-degree theft in 2015 in Clackamas County, and a warrant was issued July 17 for failure to appear, according to court documents.

Downie also pleaded guilty to harassment of Schindlbeck in 2015 in Tillamook County, and both were convicted of second-degree animal neglect that year, according to court documents.

Conference highlights fires, health and jails

By Richard Hanners
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Grant County Judge Scott Myers and Commissioner Jim Hamsher traveled the width of the state to attend the Association of Oregon Counties' annual conference in Eugene in November.

Organized in 1906, the Association of Oregon Counties unites counties to advocate, communicate and educate through information sharing and consensus development, according to its website. AOC officers are elected during the annual conference, which draws representatives from rural and urban counties from across the state. The three-day program began with a graduation ceremony for the County College, which meets five times a year and provides training for county officials in all facets of Oregon government, Myers said. Later that day, Myers attended a program on public records reform by the 2017 legislature — the most significant changes since the 1970s.

The next morning, Myers attended a program on a public-private partnership to develop an early warning system for earthquakes and wildfires. That was followed by a presentation in the afternoon by a panel of local public health officials about ways

counties can save money and improve health.

The county government is still responsible for health and mental health in Grant County even though Community Counseling Solutions took over the county health department, Myers said, including hiring county employees and leasing the county building on Highway 26 in John Day.

Myers and Grant County Justice of the Peace Kathy Stinnett attended a program on steps counties can take to protect themselves from lawsuits filed by inmates in county jails.

The county still faces a lawsuit filed several years ago by an inmate who attempted to commit suicide using a safety razor provided by jail personnel, Myers said. The county's attorney has been unable to locate the inmate, who Myers said was not seriously injured, and Myers expects the county will eventually be exonerated.

Myers said he met with congressional staff, where he mentioned the need to increase the telephone excise tax that supports 911 dispatch service. He and Hamsher attended a presentation by Valerie Johnson, of D.R. Johnson Lumber Co., about the growing cross-laminated timber products industry. The company's mill in Prairie City is now shut down.

Elks Lodge warns of scam

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Officials at the John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824 are warning members that if they receive an email advertising a "Custom Elks Mobile App" to delete it — it's a scam.

The email proclaims benefits of the app and lists an 800 number and a "Get Started" button, which should not be clicked.

Administrators of the Elks' Facebook page say they've called the 800 number, which goes to voice mail or "someone from Giant Killer" answers the phone.

They said, "If you ever have a question about something being real or not, call the lodge at 541-575-1824 or visit elks.org," and stressed, "Do not click on the 'Get Started' button."

John Day Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Sandie Gilson said the email scam is affecting Elks members nationwide.

There are 350 John Day Elks members, and Gilson said she hasn't heard of anyone receiving the email.

If they do receive one, or anything like it, "use common sense and check and verify," she said.

Residents should be wary of on-line and telephone scams, especially during the holidays.

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

Jeffrey D. Porter, 52, Canyon City, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor fourth-degree assault on Oct. 26. He was sentenced to five days in jail, 24 months probation and a \$150 fine.

Raegan S. Sherman, 22, Prairie City, pleaded guilty to felony third-degree assault and misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants on Sept. 28. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 36 months probation and 100 hours community service, and fined \$1,000. She was also ordered to pay \$178 to the victim and \$70,504 to the Department of Human Services Personal Injury Liens Unit. Her driver's license was suspended for five years, and she was ordered to have an approved ignition interlock device installed on any vehicle she operates.

Matthew E. Sagaser, 33, Mt. Vernon, pleaded guilty on Sept. 29 to felony tampering with a witness on or about Jan. 7, 2016. He was sentenced to 25 months in prison and two years probation, and fined \$200.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Nov. 23-29:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 7
- Average inmates: 20
- Bookings: 12
- Releases: 9
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 7
- Fingerprints: 11
- Civil papers: 24
- Warrants processed: 3
- Asst./welfare check: 7
- Search and Rescue: 0

Christine Daum, 28, John Day, was cited on Nov. 27 for driving with a suspended license, driving uninsured and failure to renew and was cited on Nov. 28 for interfering with police.

Kristin Nodine, 32, Mt. Vernon, was cited on Nov. 27 for unlawful operation of a vehicle.

Todd Winegar, 40, Prairie City, was cited on Nov. 27 for driving with a suspended license, operating a vehicle without required lighting and failure to register a vehicle.

Molly Brennan, 23, Prineville, was cited on Nov. 27 for violation of the basic rule, 76/55 zone.

Travis Palmer, 27, Mt. Vernon, was cited on Nov. 27 for driving with a suspended license.

Justice Court

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

Exceeding speed limit: Abiel R. Brown, 42, Chicago, Nov. 20, 35/25 zone, fined \$95.

Driving uninsured: Somer L. Robinson, 28, Dayville, Sept. 22, fined \$260; Benjamin L. Keith, 37, Canyon City, Sept. 23, fined \$260.

Driving while suspended: Orion D. Bliss, 24, John Day, Sept. 24, fined \$435; Christine N. Daum, 28, John Day, Sept. 23, fined \$435; Benjamin L. Keith, 37, Canyon City, Sept. 23, fined \$435.

Unsafe passing on the left: Frank A. Loehrl, 73, John Day, Oct. 27, fined \$180.

Failure to maintain seat belt in working order: Cory A. Slayton, 25, John Day, Oct. 7, fined \$160.

David K. Herr, 58, Aloha, pleaded guilty to unlawfully and knowingly hunting from a motor vehicle and exceeding the bag limit. He was fined \$1,150, including \$250 restitution to the Oregon Hunters Association, and had his hunting privileges suspended for 36 months.

Mike Lor, 54, Troutdale, pleaded guilty to aiding a game violation. He was fined \$700, including \$250 restitution to the Oregon Hunters Association, and had his hunting privileges suspended for 36 months.

Oregon State Police

Nov. 26: Dennis B. Asher, 50, John Day, was arrested and charged with failing to register as a sex offender after moving from Bend.

Dec. 1: Advised of cattle on Highway 395 near Beech Creek State Park.

Dec. 1: Report of cattle on Highway 19 near Long View Ranch.

Dec. 1: Christopher L. Edlefsen, 30, Salem, was arrested on Highway 26 near Dog Creek Road after allegedly providing a fictitious name and date of birth to avoid being arrested on an outstanding felony warrant. He was cited for driving with a suspended license. Ammunition was found inside the disabled pickup truck, and Edlefsen is a convicted felon.

Dec. 1: The driver of a Toyota RAV4 reportedly fell asleep on Highway 19 near Johnny Kirk Spring Rest Area. The vehicle hit a rocky embankment and then veered across both lanes and rolled down a steep embankment, stopping right-side up next to the John Day River. The driver was not injured.

Dec. 2: Advised of cattle on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

Dec. 2: Assisted the sheriff's office in a drug investigation on Mountain Boulevard in Mt. Vernon. Thomas B. Alsup, 57, Prairie City, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor delivery of 10 grams or more of methamphetamine and felony possession of 10 grams or more of meth. Shannon L. Allison, 47, John Day,

was arrested and charged with felony delivery of 10 grams or more of meth and felony possession of 10 grams or more of meth.

Dec. 3: Responded to a non-injury accident on Highway 395 near the Vance Creek Rest Area.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 163 calls during the week of Nov. 27-Dec. 3. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police Department

Nov. 27: Dispatched to a John Day store for a report of stolen cell phones.

Nov. 27: Dispatched to a home on East Main Street in John Day for a theft report.

Nov. 27: Responded to a report of harassment at a home on East Main Street.

Nov. 28: Took a fraudulent check report at a business in John Day.

Nov. 30: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park in John Day for a theft report.

Nov. 30: Recovered property stolen in Baker City.

Dec. 3: Christine Daum, 28, John Day, was cited on Highway 26 near Dog Creek Road for driving with a suspended license, no insurance and expired plates and later on South Canyon Boulevard for the same violations.

Dec. 3: William Thomas, John Day, was cited on Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road for driving without insurance and expired plates.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Nov. 28: Responded to a harassment report in Mt. Vernon.

Nov. 30: Dispatched to a convenience store in Mt. Vernon for a woman having a heart attack.

Dec. 1: Responded to a report of trespassers on Clark

Street in Canyon City.

Dec. 2: Report of theft following a traffic stop on Highway 26 east of John Day.

Dec. 2: Report of criminal mischief at a storage business on Wilderness Lane.

Dec. 3: Received a report of telephonic harassment and possible restraining order violation on Second Street in Prairie City.

Dec. 3: Advised of a slide-off crash on Highway 402 near Hamilton summit.

Dec. 3: Responded to a restaurant on Main Street in John Day for a report of harassment.

• John Day ambulance

Nov. 27: Dispatched to East Main Street in John Day for a woman with knee pain.

Nov. 28: Responded to Northwest First Avenue in John Day for a 78-year-old man with diabetic problems.

Nov. 29: Dispatched to Seventh Avenue in John Day for an 84-year-old woman who fell.

Nov. 30: Responded with Monument ambulance to Top Road near Monument.

Nov. 30: Dispatched with Prairie City and John Day fire and ambulance, sheriff's office and John Day police to Strawberry Village Apartments in Prairie City for an apartment fire.

Nov. 30: Responded to 12th

Street in Prairie City for a man suffering withdrawal symptoms.

Dec. 1: Dispatched with Monument ambulance and fire and sheriff's office to Highway 19 near Monument for a rollover crash.

Dec. 1: Responded with Seneca ambulance for a 75-year-old man who fell.

Dec. 2: Dispatched to the Grant County Fairgrounds for an 84-year-old woman having a stroke.

Dec. 3: Responded with Long Creek ambulance, sheriff's office and state police to Highway 395 for a rollover accident.

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