

**BURCH**

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Grant County Circuit Court.

Instead of a typically lower sentence, Burch stipulated to an upward departure with 40-month, consecutive sentences for each of the charges in the plea agreements. Other counts from each of those criminal cases would likely be dismissed.

A third criminal case with sex crime charges will be dismissed when the other two cases are sentenced, according to Sullivan's Dec. 14 minute order from the settlement conference. In that case, a grand jury indicted Burch March 15 on charges of first-degree sexual abuse and second-degree sexual abuse to a single victim younger than 14 between December 2012 and December 2015.

Burch was first indicted Feb. 12, 2016, on charges of first-degree sexual penetration, first-degree sexual abuse, second-degree sexual abuse, coercion, third-degree sexual abuse, two counts of menacing and interfering with making a report for alleged incidents with a single victim on Jan. 17 and Jan. 21, 2016.

He pleaded guilty to the second-degree sexual abuse charge in the plea agreement, a Class C felony.

Burch was indicted March 8, 2016, on charges of first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy, first-degree sexual penetration,



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two counts of first-degree sexual abuse, three counts of second-degree sexual abuse and two counts of incest — all constituting do-

mestic violence — with a single victim between October 2011 and December 2011. He pleaded guilty to one of the counts of

second-degree sexual abuse in the plea agreement.

Each of the three cases involved separate alleged victims.

**WRECK**

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High School basketball game against Weston-McEwen. The National Weather Service had forecast freezing rain and ice accumulations for the Pendleton and Pilot Rock areas, and Grant County saw four motor vehicle accidents on area highways.

There were no injuries in the first, a single-vehicle rollover crash on Highway 395 near Canyon City about 3:30 p.m. The northbound pickup lost traction, wandered onto the gravel shoulder and left the roadway. The driver was from Canyon City.

Oregon State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 26 near Mt. Vernon about two hours later. The driver of the Isuzu Rodeo was given a courtesy ride to her home in John Day.

Less than an hour later, a Prairie City woman was injured when the GMC Suburban she was riding in left Highway 26 near Austin Junction and rolled. The roadway was covered with snow at the time. The Prairie City driver was not injured, but the passenger was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

Around 8 p.m. on Dec. 15, a GMC Safari left Highway 395 near the Logan Valley Road junction and rolled. The occupants of the van were gone by the time Oregon State Police arrived at the scene.

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**RAPP**

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the case." Cramer agreed with the recommendation and sentenced Rapp to 20 days in jail concurrent with another sentence. He imposed no financial obligations, saying he wanted Rapp to pay child support to his ex-wife.

Rapp was charged May 23 with eluding a police officer, reckless driving and driving with a suspended or revoked license. Cramer sentenced him

on Nov. 9 to 60 days in jail, 24 months probation and \$535 in fines and fees. Rapp filed notice Dec. 6 that he intends to appeal the judgment.

Rapp has faced numerous misdemeanor and felony charges since May 2007. Many of the charges were dismissed, but he was convicted of theft, disorderly conduct, drug possession, wildlife violations and various traffic offenses, according to court records. He was also sentenced in 2015 to 18 months probation for not

obeying a court order to pay child support.

In November 2009, Rapp was charged with menacing, criminal mischief, second-degree assault and disorderly conduct following an incident involving a high-speed chase near Dixie Summit. He pleaded guilty to second-degree disorderly conduct, and the other charges were dismissed.

The incident began with a confrontation between two groups of men in two vehicles in the North Fork Bridge Creek area. A chase ensued, with the vehicles leaving a dirt road and turning onto Highway 26 heading east.

The vehicles passed through a construction zone at high

speeds, forcing a worker to leap out of the way. Witnesses said they saw one vehicle bump the other. The chase ended at Austin House, where occupants in the first vehicle were able to get out and call police.

Rapp was arrested that day but was later released to undergo treatment for a fracture and broken nose he suffered during the initial confrontation. His father, Gary R. Rapp, later pleaded guilty to second-degree attempted assault, reckless driving, recklessly endangering a highway worker and menacing. A third man in their car, Cody B. Sederlin, pleaded guilty to second-degree disorderly conduct, and two charges of menacing were dismissed.

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