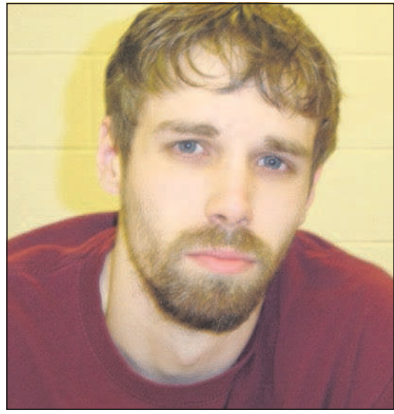


Moles sentenced to 75 months in prison



Bradley David Moles

Judge schedules Feb. 22 hearing for motion on retrial

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

Bradley Moles was sentenced to 75 months in prison Jan. 31 for one charge of first-degree sexual abuse.

A jury found Moles, 31, John Day, guilty of the charge Jan. 17 in

Grant County Circuit Court, while acquitting on four other charges.

Moles was also ordered to complete 45 months of post-prison supervision, register as a sex offender and provide a DNA sample, according to court documents.

In a sentencing memorandum filed by Moles' lawyer Foster Glass before the hearing, Glass requested the court review letters he said were sent to the court by four jurors. Glass requested "an inquiry of these jurors on the record regarding relevant information as

to any misconduct, confusion or misunderstanding (that) occurred during deliberations which lead (sic) to their verdict, which they now claim was inappropriately obtained."

At the hearing, court records indicate Judge William D. Cramer Jr. said the court received two letters but he did not see any misconduct. A motion for retrial had not been filed so the sentencing continued. Chief Deputy District Attorney Mara Houck said a hearing was scheduled on a motion for a new

trial at 3 p.m. Feb. 22, if Glass files such a motion.

In the memorandum, Glass also argued the charge should not be sentenced under Measure 11's mandatory minimums because "a touching over clothes would be a non-Measure 11 offense."

Under Measure 11, first-degree sexual abuse carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 75 months.

Cramer said he did not believe he had authority to reduce a Measure 11 sentence and imposed the 75-month sentence.

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

A misdemeanor charge of physical harassment against Kayla D. Lambeth, 23, John Day, from May 5 was dismissed based on a diversion agreement with the Grant County District Attorney's Office.

Shawn Kite, 49, Prairie City, pleaded guilty Feb. 1 to misdemeanor driving while license was suspended or revoked. He was sentenced to 24 months probation and fined \$1,100.

James C. Beard, 49, Portland, pleaded guilty Jan. 31 to felony failure to report as a sex offender, involving a case in 1987. This was the sixth time he was charged with failing to register as a sex offender. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail, 24 months probation and 60 hours of community service, and fined \$200.

Omar Ceja, 20, Canyon City, pleaded guilty Feb. 1 to misdemeanor menacing, constituting domestic violence. He was sentenced to two days in jail, 24 months probation and 20 hours of community service, and fined \$300.

Travis J. Freniere, 31, Salem, pleaded guilty Feb. 1 to felony delivery of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to six months in jail, two years probation and substance abuse evaluation and treatment.

Christopher L. Edlefsen, 30, Salem, pleaded guilty Feb. 1 to misdemeanor giving false information for issuance or serving a warrant. He was sentenced to eight days in jail, 24 months probation and 80 hours of community service, and fined \$300.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Feb. 1:

Concealed handgun licenses: 3

Average inmates: 12

Bookings: 9

Releases: 9

Arrests: 2

Citations: 1

Fingerprints: 2

Civil papers: 8

Warrants processed: 4

Asst./welfare check: 5

Search and rescue: 1

Kristopher Johnson, 27, John Day, was cited Jan. 26 for operating a vehicle without required lighting and failure to renew registration.

Justice Court

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

• Driving while suspended: Shawn C. Kite, 49, Prairie City, Jan. 5, fined \$435; Christopher J. Keith, 36, Prairie City, Jan. 3, fined \$435; Adrian Couey, 32, Prairie City, Dec. 4, fined \$435.

• Driving uninsured: Christopher J. Keith, 36, Prairie City, Jan. 3, fined \$260; Fnu Hamed, 25, Redmond, Jan. 12, fined \$135.

• Violation of the basic rule: Gregory D. Broxson, 46, Sunriver, Jan. 14, 74/55

zone, fined \$140; Mary L. Gregson, 69, Beaverton, Dec. 29, 78/55 zone, fined \$220.

• Exceeding speed limit: Terran Q. Libolt, 19, Powell Butte, Jan. 7, 42/30 zone, fined \$165.

• Accumulation garbage/vehicles: Joseph D. Mecham, 27, Prairie City, Dec. 6, fined \$100.

• Fnu Hamed, 25, Redmond, pleaded guilty Jan. 24 to driving with a suspended license and no insurance. He was sentenced to 24 months probation and fined \$1,160.

• Melinda Moss, 38, John Day, pleaded guilty Jan. 31 to harassment. She was sentenced to five days in jail, 18 months probation and 30 hours community service, and fined \$320.

Oregon State Police

Jan. 28: Responded to a domestic dispute on B Avenue in Seneca.

Jan. 28: Jason W. Wainwright, 28, Long Creek, was arrested on a contempt of court charge on Highway 402.

Feb. 2: Dispatched with John Day police to South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a domestic problem.

Feb. 2: Shawn M. Long, 26, Wolf Creek, was arrested on Highway 26 and charged with DUII.

Feb. 3: Advised of cattle on Highway 26 near Dog Creek Road.

Feb. 3: Dane J. Blume, 22, Redmond, was arrested on Highway 26 east of Dayville and charged with DUII. A passenger in the vehicle, Dillon A. Duwe, 19, was arrested and charged with probation violation.

Feb. 4: Advised of a calf creating a hazard on Highway 26 near Fields Creek.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 149 calls during the week of Jan 29-Feb. 4. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• **John Day Police Department**

Jan. 29: Dispatched to a scam report on Mecham Road in Prairie City.

Jan. 29: Responded to a suspicious person report at a gas station in John Day.

Jan. 29: Dispatched for a man seen walking in the middle of Highway 26 in west John Day.

Jan. 30: Orion D. Bliss, 24, John Day, was arrested on a Grant County warrant at a grocery store in John Day.

Jan. 31: Harry Bettis, 84, Donnelly, was cited for speed on Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road.

Jan. 31: Report of tobacco sold to a minor at a convenience store in John Day.

Jan. 31: Dispatched to a report of children pretending to push a wheelchair into traffic on Highway 26 in John Day.

Feb. 1: Responded to Hillcrest Drive in John Day for a civil problem.

Feb. 2: Received a report of menacing on West Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 2: Dispatched with John Day ambulance to West Main Street in John Day for a juvenile problem.

Feb. 2: Received a report of a burglary at a coffee shop on Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 3: Received a report of a flue fire on North Johnson

Avenue in Prairie City.

Feb. 3: Received a report of an unattended death on South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City.

Feb. 3: Nicky J. Ballou, 40, John Day, was cited for expired plates on South Canyon Boulevard in John Day.

Feb. 3: Shawn M. Long, 26, Wolf Creek, was cited for no insurance on West Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 3: Aaron M. Roseberry, 31, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance on West Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 3: Advised of a dispute on West Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 4: Responded to a report of suspicious circumstances on Dayton Street in John Day.

Feb. 4: Raymond J. Janczyk, 48, Springfield, was arrested on suspicion of burglary at a grocery store in John Day.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

Jan. 30: Received an identity theft report from Seneca.

Jan. 30: Responded to a possible burglary on Rebel Hill in Canyon City.

Feb. 1: Dispatched to Highway 26 east of John Day for a theft report.

Feb. 2: Responded with John Day police to Half Street in Prairie City for a domestic dispute. Ben Keith, 37, Prairie City, was arrested and charged with harassment.

Feb. 2: Dispatched to South Washington Street in Canyon City for a suspicious person report.

Feb. 2: Received a fraud

report from Canyon City.

Feb. 3: Investigated a fraud or identity theft report on South Humbolt Street in Canyon City.

Feb. 4: Tamara L. Michael, 47, Florence, was arrested on a Florence warrant on Highway 26 in Dayville.

Feb. 4: Followed up on a restraining order violation in Dayville.

• **John Day ambulance**
Jan. 29: Responded for an 81-year-old woman on East Main Street in John Day.

Jan. 30: Dispatched to South Metschan Avenue in Prairie City for a 37-year-old woman with a cardiac issue.

Jan. 31: Responded to a senior home in John Day for a 90-year-old woman.

Feb. 1: Dispatched to Highway 26 in John Day for an 86-year-old man.

Feb. 2: Responded to East 11th Street in Prairie City for a woman who had fallen and was semi-conscious.

Feb. 2: Dispatched to Marysville Lane in John Day for a 22-year-old woman.

Feb. 3: Responded to Picnic Creek Road in Mt. Vernon for an 80-year-old woman with cardiac issues.

Feb. 4: Dispatched to Highway 26 in Dayville for an 86-year-old man.

Feb. 4: Responded to South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a 73-year-old woman who had fallen and fractured her jaw.

• **John Day fire**
Jan. 29: Responded to a report of a flue fire on Northeast Elm Street in John Day.

Jan. 31: Dispatched to the John Day Fire Hall for an unfounded report of a fire.

LETTERS

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Author owes residents 'full-on' apology

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to the Jan. 25 article in The Firehall Press titled, "Leave Boyd Alone!" This article presents allegations that a group of Grant County residents made threats of "full-on violence" to County Commissioner Boyd Britton. It even goes as far as to describe a mob setting, where such "radicals" surround the house of "some unsuspecting politician," armed with "torches and pitchforks," and do the fictional politician in.

This article is a bunch of garbage! That may actually be giving it more credit than it

deserves. It's an utter waste of keystrokes and ink.

After confronting the author of this article, I learned that he never even spoke with Commissioner Britton to determine the validity of the so-called reports.

It was apparently something he heard on the street. And what did he hear? According to what I was told by one of the people who used to advertise in the Firehall Press, somebody has been calling Commissioner Britton and hanging up on him.

The author of this article spun a rumor, that someone had been calling Commissioner Britton and hanging up, into allegations that a group of Grant County residents threatened "full-on violence" against a public official. I believe he did this with the intent of discrediting certain politically active Grant County residents, who are merely exercising

their constitutional rights to free speech, 100 percent legally.

I want to say again: The allegations made in this article are baseless. There's no evidence that threats were made against Commissioner Britton. And if threats had been made, this is something that law enforcement should have been made aware of, and should have handled.

The author of this article has promised an explanation in the next publication of The

Firehall Press. I don't believe there is an explanation for such shoddy journalism. I believe the author of this article owes the residents of Grant County a "full-on" apology.

Gregg Boethin
Canyon City



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MON-THURS 7:10

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Thank You for Your Help & Support

We want to thank the Prairie City Fire Dept., John Day Fire Dept. and all the churches, friends, neighbors and businesses who supported us during the loss of our three family pets and our home.

Sincerely,
Jim & Mary Jensen

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Notice

Grant County Taxpayers

The second installment of the 2017-18 property tax is due Thursday, February 15th, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.

Payments may be made at the Tax Collector's Office at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and postmarked no later than February 15th, 2018. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year.

If you have any questions, please call the tax office at 575-0107 or 575-0189.

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