

Rapp shooting case set for late August trial

Defense attorney expects a 'whodunnit case'

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A trial date has been set for the John Day man who is accused of shooting a Eugene man at the Dixie Creek Campground on Oct. 16, 2017.

Kevin J. Rapp, 32, is charged with attempted murder, first-degree assault and unlawful use of a weapon. His bail was reduced to \$175,000 on Jan. 16, and he remains in Grant County Jail.

Rapp's attorney, Rob Raschio, appeared via video from Baker County during a sta-



Kevin Rapp

tus hearing before Grant County Circuit Court Judge William D. Cramer Jr. on Feb. 22. Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter appeared in court.

Raschio said Carpenter had presented an offer on Feb. 21, but Raschio had recently received a lengthy report from the state crime lab that included new discovery evidence, which he needed to review.

With that said, Raschio said he was prepared to set a schedule for future hearings and a trial. Carpenter suggested a trial could last one to one-and-a-half weeks. Raschio agreed.

"It's a whodunnit case," Raschio said, and would take a little time to try.

Cramer set a plea hearing for 8:30 a.m. March 29 and set a trial date of Aug. 20-31.

Raschio said he wasn't sure if the case could be resolved before the trial date and added that he would need at least a day for presenting motions.



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An ambulance responded to an injury at the Grant County Jail Monday.

Court action delayed in Spray rodeo theft case

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Joann Pearl Griffith of Spray said she showed up to court Friday to face charges of theft and computer crime, but nothing happened.

Griffith is the secretary of the Spray Rodeo Association. A Wheeler County grand jury indicted her on 35 counts alleging she stole thousands of dollars in 2016 and 2017 from the rodeo association and the Haystack Cemetery Association.

Griffith said she went to Wheeler County Courthouse, Friday, for an arraignment, but she never saw the charges.

"They told me come back with a lawyer," she said.

Court records show the Circuit Judge Janet Stauffer presided over Friday's proceeding and found Griffith did not qualify for a public defender.

The court set March 23 as the next hearing. According to the court schedule, that would be for a change of plea. Griffith, however, said she never entered a plea Friday. Beyond that, she said she did not want to comment until after the next hearing when she would know more about the case.

Court records show a Wheeler Coun-

ty grand jury indicted Griffith on Feb. 7 on the following charges: five counts of first-degree theft; two counts of second-degree theft; 27 counts of computer crime; and one count of fraudulent use of a credit card.

All the charges are felonies except the second-degree theft. Twenty charges apply to the cemetery association and the rest to the rodeo.

The indictment alleges Griffith used a computer to steal from the two organizations, taking more than \$3,000 from the cemetery and more than \$2,000 from the rodeo.

Ambulance responds to minor injury at Grant County Jail

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Tribal Police for more information.

A 32-year-old female inmate on tribal charges at the Grant County Jail was injured Feb. 26.

A John Day ambulance was dispatched to the jail at 11:43 a.m.

Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer referred The Eagle to the Burns Paiute

Burns Paiute Tribal Police Chief Carmen Smith said the injury was not serious, and he was surprised an ambulance was sent. He said it was Grant County Jail's policy not to discuss such matters in public and that he would honor their policy.

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

Raymond J. Janczyk, 48, Springfield, pleaded guilty Feb. 8 to felony second-degree burglary at a downtown John Day location Feb. 2. He was sentenced to 24 months in prison and 12 months of post-prison supervision. He also was ordered to pay \$3,278 in restitution to two individuals and one downtown business. Janczyk also pleaded guilty Feb. 21 to misdemeanor second-degree theft and misdemeanor unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, both on Feb. 1. He was sentenced to six months in the county jail, concurrent with the Feb. 21 sentence for burglary and a July 19 sentence for first-degree theft, first-degree forgery and fraudulent use of a credit card.

Travis A. Palmer, 27, Mt. Vernon, pleaded guilty Feb. 22 to two counts of misdemeanor harassment on Jan. 1. He was sentenced to two days in jail, 48 months bench probation, 80 hours community service and \$300 in fines. He was also ordered to complete an anger management program.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Feb. 22:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 71
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 8
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 67
- Civil papers: 14
- Warrants processed: 3
- Asst./welfare check: 8
- Search and rescue: 0
- Feb. 20: Reuben Nelson,

19, John Day, was cited for failure to carry proof of insurance and warned for careless driving.

Justice Court

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

- Driving uninsured: Troy D. Wells, 45, Mt. Vernon, Jan. 27, fined \$135.
- Exceeding speed limit: Michael D. Griffith, 21, Baker City, Jan. 17, 41/25 zone, fined \$140; Jan M. Mead, 50, John Day, Feb. 11, 42/30 zone, fined \$165; Richard S. Colbeth, 80, John Day, Nov. 17, 36/25 zone, fined \$160; Manuel Sanchez Ortiz, 52, Prineville, Feb. 10, 50/35 zone, fined \$140; Sonny A. Dryden, 39, Mt. Vernon, Jan. 11, 80/65 zone, fined \$225; Judy D. Nation, 71, Boise, Idaho, Feb. 8, 82/65 zone, fined \$265; Tacoma H. Clowers, 19, Crooked River Ranch, Feb. 13, 85/65 zone, fined \$225.
- Failure to renew registration: Michael L. Montgomery, 35, Prairie City, Feb. 9, fined \$115.
- No operator's license: Troy D. Wells, 45, Mt. Vernon, Jan. 27, fined \$135.
- Failure to carry proof of compliance with financial responsibility: Michael L. Montgomery, 35, Prairie City, Feb. 9, fined \$265; Joshua D. Zeigler, 29, Eugene, Jan. 16, fined \$135.
- Careless driving resulting in an accident: Trevor W. Hunt, 40, Fruitland, Idaho, Feb. 4, fined \$375.
- Failure to install interlock device: Patrick L. Kinsey, 52, Prairie City, Jan. 15, fined \$440.
- Refusal to take breath test: Ryan D. Hall, 40, Truckee, California, Aug. 21, fined \$650.
- Refusal to stop and remain stopped: Chanty J. Goit, 45, Estacada, Feb. 2, fined \$185.

Oregon State Police

Feb. 14: Two minors were cited for illegal marijuana

use after their Subaru was pulled over for speeding on Highway 26 east of Mitchell. The driver, Isaiah F. J. Hussey, 18, Bend, was cited for DUII. The 17-year-old female passenger was cited for consuming marijuana in a motor vehicle traveling on a highway. Both were cited for being minors in possession of a marijuana item.

Feb. 14: A driver was ejected from a Dodge pickup after it lost traction on a snowy and icy roadway and rolled over on Highway 395 north of Bear Valley Road. A passing motorist transported the driver and a passenger to the hospital in Burns.

Feb. 16: Noah P. E. Fulfer, 23, was cited for DUII following a single-vehicle crash on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit. A breath sample indicated his blood alcohol content was 0.12 percent.

Feb. 16: A driver who was reaching for a soda in a GMC SUV slid off Highway 26 north of Battle Mountain Summit and ended up against a group of trees on a steep embankment. He wasn't injured.

Feb. 18: Paul L. Roark, 21, was arrested and charged for DUII controlled substances after being pulled over on Highway 26 near Laycock Creek Road.

Feb. 23: James A. Ryan, 58, Canyon City, was cited at a John Day restaurant for failing to register as a sex offender.

Feb. 23: Daryl R. Guthrie, 39, John Day, was arrested at a grocery store parking lot in John Day and charged with DUII and failing to provide a breath sample. After serving a search warrant, his blood alcohol level was measured at 0.225 percent.

Feb. 23: Responded to a single-vehicle slide-off on Highway 26 near Austin Junction. The driver, Christopher L. Gibson, 39, John Day, was cited on a Crook County warrant for failure to appear.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 140 calls during the week of Feb. 19-25. Along

with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police Department

Feb. 19: Responded with Oregon State Police to a bar in John Day for an unruly patron. James Grey, 42, Mt. Vernon, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Feb. 19: Responded with Oregon State Police to Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a report of suspicious circumstances.

Feb. 19: Dispatched to a noise complaint on Northeast Elm Street in John Day.

Feb. 20: William Choate, 86, John Day, was cited on West Main Street in John Day for misdemeanor theft.

Feb. 20: Received a theft report on Southwest First Avenue in John Day.

Feb. 22: Advised of possible trespassing in Prairie City.

Feb. 22: Dispatched to West Main Street in John Day for a report of trespassing and theft.

Feb. 22: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Forest Service and Oregon State Police to a report of a suicidal juvenile on West Bench Road in John Day.

Feb. 22: Nicholas P. Gibson, 26, Prairie City, was cited at Second Avenue and Bridge Street in John Day for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Feb. 23: Benjamin L. Keith, 37, Prairie City, was cited on a Grant County warrant at a restaurant in John Day.

Feb. 23: Dispatched with John Day ambulance and Grant County Sheriff's Office to West Main Street in John Day for an unattended death.

Feb. 24: Cindy L. Bolman, 50, Dayville, was cited on West Main Street in John Day for speeding.

Feb. 24: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Po-

lice to a report of a fight on West Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 25: Dispatched to Northwest Canton Street in John Day for a report of a suspicious person.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Feb. 19: Received a report of a domestic dispute on Marysville Road in Canyon City.

Feb. 19: Served a trespass notice on Marysville Road in Canyon City.

Feb. 22: Report of a juvenile problem on Highway 395 near Grant Union Junior Senior High School.

Feb. 22: Received a report of trespassing on La Costa Road in John Day.

Feb. 23: Responded to Patterson Drive in Canyon City for a report of a conditional release violation.

Feb. 24: Dispatched to La Costa Road in John Day for a report of criminal mischief.

Feb. 24: Responded to a report of a dog killing a deer on Gibson Lane in John Day.

Feb. 24: Received a report of a stolen horse and trailer on Highway 402 in Monument.

Feb. 24: Advised of overdue snowmobilers on Forest Service Road 2490 in the South Fork area.

Feb. 25: Received a report of theft and possible drunk driving on Highway 402 near Monument.

Feb. 25: Received a report of property damage on Lower Yard Road in John Day following a noninjury vehicle crash.

• Oregon State Police

Feb. 19: Advised of a truck that slid off Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

Feb. 21: Received a report of a noninjury crash on Highway 395 near Ritter.

• John Day ambulance

Feb. 19: Transported a patient to Grant County Regional Airport.

Feb. 19: Transported a patient to Blue Mountain Hospital.

Feb. 20: Responded to

West Main Street in John Day for a 34-year-old man with chest pains and difficulty breathing.

Feb. 20: A person on Marysville Lane in Canyon City declined transport.

Feb. 21: Dispatched with Long Creek ambulance to East Main Street in Long Creek for a 43-year-old with difficulty breathing.

Feb. 22: Responded with Seneca ambulance to Avenue C in Seneca for an 86-year-old woman.

Feb. 22: Dispatched to Mountain Boulevard in Mt. Vernon for an 82-year-old woman.

Feb. 23: Responded to East Fifth Street in John Day for a transport.

Feb. 23: Dispatched with Prairie City ambulance to North Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a 58-year-old woman with nausea.

Feb. 23: Transported a patient to a senior home in Prairie City.

Feb. 23: Responded to a vehicle crash with injuries on Highway 26 near Austin Junction.

Feb. 23: Transported a patient to Grant County Regional Airport.

Feb. 25: Responded to Belshaw Lane in John Day for a 70-year-old woman.

Feb. 25: Dispatched to Mountain Boulevard in Mt. Vernon for a 77-year-old woman with a possible stroke.

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SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON-THURS 7:10

GAME NIGHT (R) A group of friends who meet regularly for game nights find themselves trying to solve a murder mystery.
FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:45
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00
MON-THURS 7:00

BLACK PANTHER (PG-13)
After the events of Captain America: Civil War, T'Challa returns home to his isolated, technologically advanced African nation to take his rightful place as king.
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SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45
MON-THURS 6:45

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