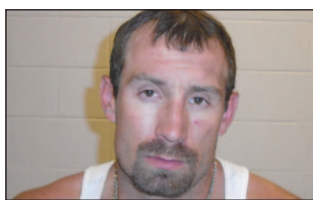


Rapp pleads not guilty in attempted murder case

Federal officials contacted about shooting

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Blue Mountain Eagle



Kevin Rapp

The John Day man accused of shooting a Eugene man at the Dixie Creek Campground on Oct. 16, 2017, has plead-

ed not guilty to the charges. A jury trial is scheduled for Aug. 20-31.

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. Grant County Circuit Court Judge William D. Cramer Jr. expressed surprise at the March 29 plea hearing when defense attorney Rob Raschio said Grant County District Attorney Jim Car-

penyer was unwilling to negotiate. Cramer accepted Rapp's not guilty pleas.

Rapp appeared in court in jail attire. Carpenter did not appear at the hearing, and the victim's mother listened in by telephone.

When asked about any further discovery issues, Deputy District Attorney Mara Houck said she wasn't 100 percent sure about all

the lab results and mentioned that the district attorney's office had been in contact with the federal violent crime division about the case.

The federal government could take over the shooting case because the incident took place on federal land. Cramer said he would like the federal government to make a decision soon because of the

time and expense incurred by the circuit court.

Raschio said he was aware of the contact with federal officials but doubted the federal government would take over the case. He said he wanted to move forward to a trial.

Cramer set an April 30 deadline for motions, a June 1 deadline for responses to motions and a June 27 hearing on the motions.

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

James E. Jewell, 35, Monument, pleaded guilty March 29 to driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving uninsured on Jan. 5. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 24 months supervised probation, 60 hours community service and \$2,385 in fines.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of March 29:

Concealed handgun licenses: 12
Average inmates: 19
Bookings: 8
Releases: 9
Arrests: 2
Citations: 0
Fingerprints: 7
Civil papers: 10
Warrants processed: 4
Asst./welfare check: 1
Search and rescue: 2

Justice Court

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

- Driving uninsured: James C. Mack, 55, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Feb. 8, fined \$265.
- Failure to notify department upon change of address or name: Robert J. King, 40, Canyon City, Feb. 28, fined \$115.
- Exceeding speed limit: Norman G. Reed, 74, John Day, March 22, 39/25 zone, fined \$165; Richard A. Ness, 69, Portland, March 19, 82/65 zone, fined \$165; Kathleen M. Lane, 23, Bend, March 5, 61/40 zone, fined \$265; Linda S. Swift, 98, Ramrod Key,

Florida, March 26, 37/25 zone, fined \$165.

- Violation of speed limit: Sandra M. Colbeth, 40, John Day, March 23, 32/20 zone, fined \$165.

- Violation of basic rule: Grayson E. Vandermeer, 25, Bend, Feb. 19, 73/55 zone, fined \$140; Ryan S. Kohler, 44, Meridian, Feb. 11, 75/65 zone, fined \$115.

- No operator's license: James C. Mack, 55, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Feb. 8, fined \$265.

- Failure to carry proof of compliance with financial responsibility requirements: Ty J. Round, 38, John Day, Jan. 22, fined \$265.

Oregon State Police

March 25: Investigated the deaths of two wild horses found at two locations in the Murderers Creek area. No illegal activity indicated.

March 25: Joined Oregon Fish and Wildlife, Grant County Search and Rescue and Blue Mountain Ambulance in extricating a 30-year-old female hiker with an injured knee on Keeney Meadows Road.

March 26: Brandi L. Bernard-Anderton, 45, Prairie City, was arrested and charged with DUII-inhalant after she inhaled Dust Off at 12th Street and Overholt Street in Prairie City, lost consciousness and crashed into a fence along the Prairie City High School football field. She had left the scene of the crash and was found unconscious in the garage of her home.

March 28: Noah P.E. Fulfer, 23, Dayville, was cited for driving with a suspended or revoked license after a traffic stop on Highway 26 in Dayville.

March 29: Responded to a gun store in John Day after a 40-year-old woman from Mt. Vernon with an outstanding

warrant from Klamath County for hindering prosecution attempted to purchase a .308 rifle.

March 30: Brandi L. Bernard-Anderton, 45, Prairie City, was arrested and charged with DUII-inhalant after she was found slumped over in her vehicle and slow to respond on Highway 26 between John Day and Prairie City.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 159 calls during the week of March 26 to April 1, including:

• John Day Police Department

March 27: Responded to North Canyon Boulevard in John Day. Nicholas P. Gibson, 26, John Day, was arrested and charged with theft.

March 27: Received a report of telephonic harassment on Antelope Lane in John Day.

March 28: Advised of harassment on North McHaley Street in Prairie City.

March 28: Responded to suspicious circumstances on Hillcrest Road in John Day.

March 28: Received a report of a noninjury accident on Seventh Avenue in John Day.

March 29: Responded to an apartment on East Main Street for a harassment report.

March 29: Received a report of a noninjury accident on Highway 26 on the west side of John Day.

March 29: Received a report of an assault in a city park in Prairie City.

March 31: Received a report of fraud at an apartment complex in east John Day.

March 31: Poppy R. Grover, 39, Canyon City, was cited for driving with a suspended license, no insurance and expired plates on Highway 26 near Dog Creek Road.

March 31: Gregg E. Devore, 28, Prairie City, was arrested on East 11th Street in Prairie City and charged with a Grant

County warrant.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

March 26: Responded to a broken window at the Grant County Regional Airport. Some items were reportedly stolen.

March 26: Report of a violation of a release agreement on Dixie View Road in Prairie City.

March 27: Responded to Cottonwood Street in Mt. Vernon for a theft report.

March 28: Dispatched with state police to Washington Street in Canyon City for a possible domestic dispute.

March 29: Responded to East Main Street in John Day for a juvenile problem.

March 29: Received a report of a fight on Northwest Boyce Place in John Day.

March 30: Received a report that Elmore County made an arrest on a Grant County warrant.

March 30: Responded to a broken window at an apartment on Canyon City East Road in Canyon City.

March 30: Received a report of a missing 8-year-old girl in Canyon City.

March 30: Received a report of a theft on East Main Street in John Day.

March 30: Cynthia E. McLean, 37, Prineville, was arrested and charged with domestic harassment following a traffic stop on Highway 26 in east John Day.

March 30: David R. White, 55, Nampa, Idaho, was cited for driving with a suspended license on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

March 31: Advised of intoxicated people on Dayton Street in John Day.

March 31: Received a report of a suspicious person trespassing on Cougar Crossing Road in Canyon City.

March 31: Advised of kids rolling rocks off Airport Road

in John Day.

April 1: Dispatched with state police to Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon for a report of a juvenile threatening to harm himself and others.

April 1: Responded to a report of livestock creating a hazard on Highway 26 near Fields Creek Road.

• Oregon State Police
March 27: A caller reported a turkey hit his windshield and shattered it on Highway 26 near Laycock Creek Road.

April 1: Advised of a noninjury accident involving a vehicle that hit a cow on Highway 26 near Roper Road.

• John Day ambulance

March 26: Dispatched to South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for an elderly woman.

March 27: Responded to Laycock Creek Road in Mt. Vernon for an 83-year-old man.

March 27: Dispatched to a senior home in John Day for an 86-year-old man.

March 27: Transported a patient to Grant County Regional Airport.

March 28: Responded to Northwest Seventh Avenue in John Day for an 80-year-old woman with possible hypothermia.

March 28: Dispatched to Northwest Seventh Avenue in John Day for a 70-year-old woman.

March 28: Responded to Southwest First Avenue in John Day for a 70-year-old man.

March 28: Dispatched to Bumpy Road in John Day for a 52-year-old man with a possible heart attack.

March 28: Paged to Southwest First Avenue in John Day for man with unknown medical problem.

March 29: Dispatched with John Day police and state police to 12th Street in Prairie City for a 55-year-old man suffering from detox complications.

March 30: Responded to East Fifth Street in Prairie City for a 76-year-old woman with nausea.

March 31: Dispatched with sheriff's deputies to Southwest First Avenue in John Day for an unattended death.

March 31: Responded with sheriff's deputies to East Main Street in John Day for an unattended death.

April 1: Dispatched to Southwest Front Street in Prairie City for a 30-year-old woman.

• Mt. Vernon fire

March 29: Paged to a residence in Mt. Vernon with an out-of-control burn pile.

• Canyon City fire

March 31: Responded with sheriff's deputies to Elk View Road in Canyon City for a report of a tree on fire.

Fire-damaged trees to be cut Monday

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Oregon Department of Transportation is working with the U.S. Forest Service to address hundreds of hazard trees near the U.S. 395 highway right-of-way south of Canyon City that were damaged by the 2015 Canyon Creek Complex fire.

Work is scheduled to start Monday, April 9, and continue for about two weeks, according to a press release. Motorists can expect delays of up to 20 minutes with flaggers and pilot cars directing traffic through the work zone between mile points 10.6 and 16.2. The highway will be closed at both ends of the project with pilot cars stationed nearby.

Tree falling activities

will be halted about every 20 minutes when traffic is present. When the route is safe for travel, the pilot cars will escort waiting motorists through the area. For safety reasons, all motorists will need to stay with the pilot car line and not stop or pull over while in the work zone.

Most of the trees cut down will be left in place where they fall to help stabilize the soil and prevent erosion issues. The area is slowly recovering from the fire that destroyed much of the ground anchoring vegetation. Some trees may be relocated for other erosion control or stream habitat needs.

"The goal is to drop the trees so they are adjacent to existing stumps and rocks

that will prevent them from rolling or moving onto the highway," said Blue Mountain District Ranger David Halemeier. "If they cannot be placed in such a manner they will be removed for safety reasons. Because of the loss of vegetation, the ground is more susceptible to erosion. These trees will help catch and hold the soil in place until ground cover returns."

The downed trees are not to be removed or cut for fire wood. Doing so violates the conditions found within the Malheur National Forest wood cutting permit, and violators will be cited.

About 16 trees were taken down and placed in Vance Creek around March 7 for stream improvement under

the direction of the Forest Service, who will monitor the entire operation. Work is taking place early in the season to lessen the impact for nesting birds and other animals.

ODOT is working with their office of maintenance and the Forest Service to ensure staff involved with tree falling efforts receive appropriate training prior to the operation.

For information, contact ODOT Region 5 Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at 541-963-1330.

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Tuesday, April 10th
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Thursday, April 12th

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Prairie City Community Center - 7 pm
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