

Spray Rodeo secretary pleads guilty to theft

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Joann Pearl Griffith of Spray must pay back more than \$6,800 she stole from a cemetery and Spray Rodeo Association.

Griffith, 81, former secretary of the rodeo, pleaded guilty on April 27 to two counts of second-degree theft and five counts of first-degree theft, according to circuit court records.

The Wheeler County District Attorney's Office in February charged her with five counts of first-degree theft; two counts of second-degree theft; 27 counts of computer crime;

and one of fraudulent use of a credit card. The state accused Griffith of stealing from the rodeo and the Haystack Cemetery Association from early 2015 through July 2017.

The state dismissed the credit card fraud and computer crime charges in exchange for the plea deal. Griffith has to serve two years of probation and no prison time. She also must pay the rodeo \$3,171.96 and the cemetery \$3,671.26.

The court also ordered her to write letters of apology to each organization and banned her from attending this year's Spray Rodeo.

Sheriff's office searching for Dehiya

Blue Mountain Eagle

The sheriff's office is searching for one of the people arrested in an April 28 drug bust.

Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer said his office is looking for Tyler Duane Dehiya, 24, of Mt. Vernon.

Dehiya is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 155 pounds, according to court records. His bail is \$50,000.

Palmer urged anyone who knows Dehiya's whereabouts to contact the sheriff's office, 541-575-1131.

Dehiya was arrested April 28 and charged with nine drug-related crimes: criminal conspiracy, manufacture of methamphetamine, delivery of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and frequenting a place where controlled substances are used, according to information



Tyler Dehiya

submitted in circuit court by Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter. The state is also pursuing criminal forfeiture of a camp trailer that was parked on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon. Dehiya was granted conditional release

May 1, ordered not to use intoxicants and to check in to the jail by 10 a.m. daily for drug screening, court documents state.

In a letter to Carpenter, Sgt. Josh Wolf said Dehiya did not report for the daily check in May 3.

Grant County Circuit Court Judge William D. Cramer Jr. issued a bench warrant for his arrest May 3, according to court documents.

Man dies in crash on forest road

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A 71-year-old man from La Pine died May 7 after drifting off a forest road and rolling down a steep embankment.

Frank Corey Fox, the sole occupant of the vehicle, died at the scene, Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer said.

The sheriff's office received a report around 5:02 p.m. about a crash on Forest Road 2045 on the Malheur National Forest near Camp Creek and the Middle Fork of the John Day River.

Evidence indicated that the black 1986 Mitsubishi left the single-lane road at a corner and rolled at least six times down a steep embankment and came to rest on the passenger-side door. The driver was not wearing a seat belt and was partially ejected.

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

Robert L. Crosby, 31, Canyon City, pleaded guilty April 23 to being a felon in possession of a firearm, a felony, and misdemeanor menacing on Jan. 23. He was previously convicted in Asotin County, Washington, of residential burglary and intimidating a witness, both felonies. Two counts of second-degree felony kidnapping and one count of misdemeanor menacing were dismissed. Crosby was sentenced to 11 months in jail, 90 days or more of inpatient treatment, two years of post-prison supervision and a \$200 fine.

Michael Zuniga, 62, John Day, pleaded guilty April 26 to misdemeanor fourth-degree assault constituting domestic violence on March 19. A charge of misdemeanor harassment was dismissed. He was sentenced to 120 hours in jail, 90 hours of community service and 18 months of supervised probation.

Daryl Guthrie, 39, John Day, pleaded guilty April 26 to refusing to take a test for intoxicants on Feb. 23. A charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants was diverted. He was sentenced to a \$650 fine.

Justin W. Wells, 34, Gaston, pleaded guilty April 26 to felony first-degree theft on Nov. 6. Four felony burglary charges and four misdemeanor theft charges were dismissed. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail, 80 hours of community service, 24 months of supervised probation and \$1,300 in fines and fees.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for April 19 to May 2: concealed handgun licenses, 25; average inmates, 23; bookings, 21; releases, 18; arrests, 6; citations, 3; fingerprints, 11; civil papers, 48; warrants processed, 2; asst./welfare check, 0; search and rescue, 2.

April 20: Vincent Tietjen,

53, Mt. Vernon, was cited for second-degree disorderly conduct.

April 30: Serena Pace, 18, John Day, was cited for driving without insurance.

May 2: A juvenile from John Day was cited at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and attempted delivery of marijuana.

Justice Court

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

- Driving uninsured: Brandon M. Blouin, 25, Belpre, Ohio, March 16, fined \$265.

- Failure to yield before entering: Efrén Moreno Aguilar, 40, Central Point, April 4, fined \$265.

- Failure to carry proof of compliance with financial responsibility: John E. Guthridge, 54, Burns, March 18, fined \$265.

- Open container of alcohol: Laura M. Brunton, 57, John Day, April 8, fined \$265.

- Violation of basic rule: Shawn F. Magelsen, 43, Marysville, Washington, April 14, 74/55 zone, fined \$165; Michael A. Lukavsky, 48, Joliet, Illinois, April 10, 73/55 zone, fined \$165.

- Exceeding speed limit: Gordon T. Black, 68, Burns, April 6, 84/65 zone, fined \$265.

- Operating a vehicle without proper fenders: Sawyer R. Watterson, 27, John Day, March 15, fined \$165.

- Alan W. Wolfe, 30, Canyon City, pleaded guilty to giving false information to a peace officer and pleaded no contest to driving with a suspended license. A signal violation was dismissed. He was sentenced to 17 days in jail, 24 months probation, 30 hours community service, 45 days of moral recognition training and \$880 in fines and fees.

- Tayah I. Claughton, 20, John Day, pleaded guilty to first-degree criminal trespass. She was sentenced to 11 days in jail and \$412 in fines and fees.

Oregon State Police

April 24: Nicholas P. Gibson, 26, Prairie City, was arrested on West Main Street in John Day and charged with an arrest warrant. He was also cited for driving with a suspended license, driving uninsured and failing to register the vehicle.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 156 calls during the week of April 23-29 and 173 calls during the week of April 30 through May 6, including:

• John Day Police Department

April 26: Received a report of a confrontational and intoxicated person at Dayton Street and First Street in John Day.

April 27: Benjamin L. Keith, 38, Prairie City, was cited at Main Street and Third Streets in Prairie City for driving with a suspended license.

May 1: Clayton C. Lewis, 39, Prairie City, was arrested on West 13th Street in Prairie City and charged with interfering with a 911 dispatch call.

May 2: Received a report of a theft at Southwest First Street in John Day.

May 3: Responded to a theft report at a senior home in John Day.

May 3: Dispatched to a dispute between a customer and the business owner at a fast food restaurant in John Day.

May 3: Unable to locate a suicidal subject on Southwest Brent Drive in John Day.

May 4: Ellen Redick, 54, Madras, was cited on High-

way 26 near Indian Creek Road for violation of the basic rule, 80/55 zone.

May 4: Robert A. Florez, 35, Phoenix, Arizona, was cited on West Main Street in John Day for driving without a license.

May 4: Received information about a hit-and-run crash on Northwest Fourth Street in John Day.

May 4: Responded to a theft report at an apartment complex on East Main Street in John Day.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

April 23: Dispatched to South McCallum Street for a burglary and theft report.

April 23: Advised of a theft at a motel in John Day.

April 26: Responded with Long Creek and John Day ambulances and Long Creek fire to a search and rescue on County Road 52 near Dale.

April 26: Received a report of a theft on Riverside Street in Mt. Vernon.

April 27: Serena Pace, 18, John Day, was cited on West Main Street in John Day for driving without insurance.

April 28: Responded to a theft report at a grocery store in John Day.

April 28: Received a report of a lost firearm on Bumpy Road in John Day.

April 28: Attempted to locate a person who walked away from an assisted living facility in John Day.

April 28: Alan W. Wolfe, 30, Canyon City, was arrested at an apartment on Can-

yon City East Road in Canyon City and charged with a Grant County warrant.

April 28: Leann J. Musgrove, 38, Canyon City, was arrested at an apartment on Canyon City East Road in Canyon City and charged with interfering with an arrest.

April 29: Advised of animal abuse on West Main Street in John Day.

May 2: Responded to a report of shots fired on Highway 395 in Canyon City.

May 3: Dispatched to Seneca for a report of a transient camping in the post office.

May 4: Ronald B. Hodge, 76, John Day, was arrested for DUII on West Main Street in John Day.

May 5: Nicole C. Shaffer, 21, Mt. Vernon, was arrested on Highway 26 near Mt. Vernon and charged with a Grant County warrant.

• Oregon State Police

April 24: Notified of a cow on Highway 26 near Moon Creek Road.

April 24: Received a call about livestock on Highway 395 near Seneca.

April 28: Advised of horses on Highway 26 in Mt. Vernon.

May 3: Report of a single-vehicle noninjury crash on Highway 395 south of Logan Valley Road.

May 4: Dispatched for a cow on Highway 395 north of Mt. Vernon.

• John Day ambulance

April 27: Dispatched with Long Creek ambulance and fire to Short Corner Road for a

woman who had a horseback accident.

April 29: Dispatched with Seneca ambulance to B Street in Seneca for an 89-year-old man who had fallen.

April 30: Responded to a mental health facility in John Day for a 41-year-old woman.

April 30: Dispatched to Laycock Creek Road for an 83-year-old woman.

May 2: Dispatched with Monument ambulance and fire to Wilson Street in Monument for a man who had fallen and had difficulty breathing.

May 4: Responded to South Humbolt Street in Canyon City for a 40-year-old woman with seizures.

May 4: Dispatched to East Fifth Street in John Day for a 77-year-old woman with a high pulse and abdominal pain.

May 6: Dispatched with Monument ambulance and fire to Highway 402 near Monument for a 72-year-old man.

• John Day fire

April 26: Responded with John Day police to a grass fire west of town.


• U.S. Forest Service

April 26: Followed up on report of natural resource damage on Forest Road 1940 east of Austin Junction.

April 26: Report of an abandoned vehicle on Forest Road 73 northeast of Granite.

May 3: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office deputy to the Dixie Creek area for a report of illegal firewood cutting.

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