

# Monument man to serve 90 days in jail for sex with minor

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A Monument man will serve 90 days in jail and three years of probation after admitting to having sex with a minor.

Colton D. Blakeslee was 27 when he had sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old girl from Grant County on three occasions in March and April, according to a stipulated deferred adjudication agreement approved by Senior Judge Ronald J. Pahl in Grant County Circuit Court Sept. 19.

In the agreement, Blakeslee certified under penalty of perjury the events happened, but he did not plead guilty to any crimes. If he successfully completes probation, all charges will be dismissed without conviction. Blakeslee, Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter, the victim and the victim's parents approved the agreement.

The agreement calls for 36 months of probation supervised by Grant County Community Corrections, including 90 days of jail, which can be served in 30-day blocks on or before April 3 in 2020, 2021 and 2022, as well as 120 hours of community service.

The agreement also requires Blakeslee to complete a sexual offender treat-

ment program and to obtain an alcohol abuse assessment and complete all recommended treatment.

The agreement requires Blakeslee to pay a \$100 deferred adjudication fee, a \$1,000 fine and a \$2,500 compensatory fine to the victim.

Carpenter submitted information in Grant County Circuit Court May 16 charging Blakeslee with four counts of third-degree rape, three counts of contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, three counts of sexual misconduct, two counts of third-degree sexual abuse, two counts of unlawful contact with a child and one count of third-degree sodomy.

"Upon successful completion of probation, the court shall discharge the defendant and dismiss the matter without an adjudication of guilt and will not enter a conviction for purposes of disqualification or disability imposed by law upon conviction of a crime," the agreement states. "Should the defendant be found by the court in violation of any term or condition of probation, this agreement shall immediately terminate and this matter will proceed on the information filed herein."



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**Grant County Emergency Communications Agency Dispatch Manager Valerie Maynard keeps track of numerous computer monitors at the former dispatch site in John Day. She was named Oregon Dispatch Manager of the Year Sept. 11 for outstanding leadership and her role in maintaining a dispatch center in Grant County when the service transitioned from the city of John Day to a separate agency.**

# Valerie Maynard named state Dispatch Manager of the Year

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Grant County Emergency Communications Agency Dispatch Manager Valerie Maynard was recently awarded Oregon Dispatch Manager of the Year.

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International honored Maynard at its annual meeting in Bend Sept. 11 for demonstrating the highest level of commitment to "personnel, partner agencies and customers" and exemplifying

"leadership, integrity, trustworthiness, dependability and forward thinking," according to a press release.

Dispatcher Cammie Haney nominated Maynard for outstanding leadership and her role in successfully retaining Grant County's 911 dispatch center during a budgeting crisis.

"By partnering and closely working with various agencies that the (former) John Day Emergency Communications Center served, Valerie with the help of many was able to retain

our local dispatch center, save six jobs and ensure Grant County received the exceptional local service it deserved," Haney said. "None of this would have been possible without the positive relationships Valerie has created with other agencies over the years, without the passion she has for her community or without the deep concern, respect and care she has for her dispatchers."

Maynard has been a dispatcher for 24 years, 19 of which have been serving the citizens of Grant County.

## 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 charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants against Heath D. Connell, 31, of Millbrae, California, committed on Aug. 20, 2017, was dismissed Sept. 17 after he successfully completed a DUI diversion agreement.

A charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants against Cooper J. Wellington, 29, of John day committed on July 16, 2018, was dismissed Sept. 23 after he successfully completed a DUI diversion agreement.

A charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants against Paul L. Roark, 23, of Mt. Vernon committed on Feb. 18, 2018, was dismissed Sept. 23 after he successfully completed a DUI diversion agreement.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Sept. 18:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 9
- Average inmates: 17
- Bookings: 6
- Releases: 11
- Arrests: 0
- Citations: 0
- Fingerprints: 4
- Civil papers: 3
- Warrants processed: 3
- Asst./welfare check: 0
- Search and rescue: 0

### Justice Court

- Violation of basic rule: Angelo E. Dogali, 40, Springfield, Sept. 10, 79/55 zone, fined \$265; Hans G. Lindlar, 64, Seeheim-Jugenheim, Germany, Sept. 4, 70/55 zone, fined \$165; Brian W. Shrauger, 44, Prineville, Sept. 4, 72/55 zone, fined \$165; Cheyenne Nichols, 20, Dayville, Aug. 17, 75/55 zone, fined \$140; Jeremy J. Deloretto, 38, Salem, Aug. 26, 77/55 zone, fined \$265; Alex T. Robertson, 48, Redmond, Sept. 3, 68/55 zone, fined \$165; Kerry D. Kuenzi, 49, Silverton, Sept. 5, 70/55 zone, fined \$165.

- Violation of speed limit: Steven L. Gross, 58, Port Townsend, Washington, July 21, 85/65 zone, fined \$265; Kent C. Foster, 57, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Sept. 7, 75/65 zone, fined \$165; Miles J. Hart, 42, Eugene, Aug. 30, 49/30 zone, fined \$160; Lara J. Jackson, 48, Idaho, Aug. 17, 77/65 zone, fined \$165; Tyler D. Opie, 24, Burns, Aug. 20, 76/65 zone, fined \$265; Billy J. Hickerson, 60, Canyon City, Aug. 29, 73/65 zone, fined \$165; Roger H. Moore, 72, Denver, Colorado, Aug. 29, 44/25 zone, fined \$75.

- Failure to drive within lane: Ethan F. Johnson, 22, Milwaukie, Aug. 26, fined \$200.

- Failure to install ignition interlock device: James E. Jewell, 37, Prairie City, July 10, fined \$440.

- Driving uninsured: Royal M. Gray, 81, John Day, July 13, fined \$265.

- Failure to display license plates: Joshua W.

Haskins, 35, Prairie City, July 6, fined \$115.

- Driving while suspended: Royal M. Gray, 81, John Day, July 13, fined \$440; Joshua W. Haskins, 35, Prairie City, July 6, fined \$440, July 21, fined \$440; James E. Jewell, 37, Prairie City, July 10, fined \$440; Keatley Wyant, 28, Baker City, July 12, fined \$440; Steven M. Warrington, 30, John Day, July 25, fined \$440.

- Driving uninsured: Joshua W. Haskins, 35, Prairie City, July 21, fined \$265; Wade F. Keith, 27, Prairie City, July 24, fined \$265; Heather L. Long, 42, Winnemucca, Nevada, July 27, fined \$265; Keatley Wyant, 28, Baker City, July 12, fined \$265; Steven M. Warrington, 30, John Day, July 25, fined \$265; Lyle H. Chesley, 53, John Day, July 10, fined \$265.

- Failure to register vehicle: Wade F. Keith, 27, Prairie City, June 20, fined \$115, July 24, fined \$115; Joshua W. Haskins, 35, Prairie City, July 21, fined \$265.

- Registration sticker expired: Lyle H. Chesley, 53, John Day, July 10, fined \$115; Steven M. Warrington, 30, John Day, July 25, fined \$115.

- Emergency equipment warning: Sotero Roman-lbarra, 63, Othello, Washington, July 19, fined \$165.

- Failure to perform the duties of a driver: James E.

Kitteredge, 76, Cascade, Montana, July 23, fined \$440.

- Driving outside restrictions: Lyle H. Chesley, 53, John Day, July 10, fined \$265.

### Oregon State Police

Sept. 17: Responded to a crash at the intersection of Highway 26 and Hillcrest Drive in John Day, where a yacht became disconnected from the hitch of a vehicle. The safety chains and electrical brake failed to stop the yacht, which crossed both lanes of traffic, jumped the sidewalk, missed a pedestrian and came to rest in the front yard of a homeowner. The highway was closed temporarily.

Sept. 20: Responded to a report of the theft of \$45 of gas at a gas station in John Day and located the vehicle on Highway 26 near milepost 136. Danielle J. Riley, 31, and Kyle Riley, 30, were issued a citation in lieu of custody after making arrangements to pay for the fuel. The driver was also cited for driving while suspended and no insurance.

Sept. 20: After stopping a vehicle on Highway 26 near milepost 162 for having a headlight out and a rear door open, a strong odor of marijuana was noticed. The driver admitted to smoking 15 minutes before driving and showed signs of impairment. After field sobriety

tests, Jonathan L. Fuston, 38, John Day, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants — marijuana.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 155 calls during the week of Sept. 16-22, including:

#### • John Day Police Department

Sept. 16: Responded to a report of a reckless driver on Highway 26 near Dino Mart.

Sept. 20: Cited Michael Roberts, 41, for recklessly endangering another.

Sept. 20: Called for an assault on West Main Street.

Sept. 20: Assisted Grant County Sheriff's Office with a report of an injured animal on Marysville Road.

#### • Oregon State Police

Sept. 17: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office and John Day and Dayville ambulances to a motorcycle crash at the intersection of highways 19 and 26.

Sept. 20: Received a report of a hazard on Highway 26.

Sept. 21: Advised of a disabled motorist on Highway 26 near Dayville.

#### • Grant County Sheriff's Office

Sept. 17: Received a report of elder abuse in Long Creek.

Sept. 17: Received a report of theft on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

Sept. 18: Received a report of a minor in possession of tobacco at Monument School.

Sept. 19: Received a report of a possible kidnapping on Northwest Third Street.

Sept. 20: Received a report of criminal mischief on Council Street.

#### • John Day Ambulance

Sept. 17: Responded to a report of an unresponsive elderly woman on Northwest Washington Street.

Sept. 20: Called for a possible overdose of a 26-year-old man having seizures.

Sept. 21: Called for a 90-year-old woman with high blood sugar on North Humbolt Street.

Sept. 22: Responded with Seneca ambulance for a 63-year-old woman with difficulty breathing and flu symptoms.

#### • Dayville fire

Sept. 16: Received a call about a transformer fire 3 miles east of Dayville.

#### • Prairie City fire

Sept. 17: Responded to a report of illegal burning near the Pine Creek area.

#### • John Day fire

Sept. 20: Paged for a trailer fire on West Main Street.

#### • Forest Service

Sept. 16: Received a report of a forest fire near the Old Bates Highway. It was a controlled burn.

Guess who is turning nifty fifty?

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**  
~ From your friends & family

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