

Chase

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A 57-year-old male passenger, Robert Malloy of Strasburg, was transported to the hospital with minor injuries and later transported to the Grant County Jail, where he was lodged for felon in possession of a restricted weapon. He was carrying a dagger after being convicted of first-degree theft in Ohio in 2004, according to information filed Monday in Grant County Circuit Court.

Nadia Runkle, a 27-year-old female passenger of Dallas, Oregon, was transported to the hospital with serious injuries and later airlifted to St. Charles in Bend.

McLaughlin's mother reported that he threatened her with a knife at about 1:45 p.m. Friday in Prineville, according to Prineville Police Department Capt. Larry Seymour.

The mother told police she was driving with her husband in the front passenger seat, while McLaughlin and his girlfriend were in the backseat injecting heroin, Seymour said. The mother threatened to call the police on their drug use, and when she did, McLaughlin reportedly brandished a knife and threatened to kill her, Seymour said.

The mother was able to exit the vehicle near the 600 block of Northwest Third Street in Prineville, and McLaughlin got out and threatened her to get back

in the vehicle, Seymour said. The mother screamed for someone to call the police, and McLaughlin got back into the driver's seat and began traveling east with the other two passengers, Seymour said.

All three people in the vehicle had reportedly been using heroin for a couple days, Seymour said.

It was also reported that there were multiple knives in the car, a handgun and possibly a homemade bomb, Seymour said. Police confirmed McLaughlin had a nationwide felony arrest warrant out of Colorado and were warned that he would not be cooperative.

Prineville police put out an attempt to locate on the 1999 Honda Accord McLaughlin was driving.

At about 2:45 p.m. Friday, OSP troopers received the call, Fox said.

Law enforcement officers from OSP, Grant County Sheriff's Office, Wheeler County Sheriff's Office and the Forest Service located the suspect vehicle at milepost 131 on Highway 26. When officers attempted to stop the vehicle, a pursuit ensued with the suspect vehicle reaching speeds of about 95 mph and traveling into oncoming traffic at least five times, running oncoming vehicles off the roadway, Fox said.

At about milepost 138, the driver instructed his female passenger to cut the straps that were holding down several plastic containers to the roof of the car,

which sent them directly into the path of the pursuing police vehicles, nearly causing a crash, Fox said.

At about milepost 145, OSP and John Day police officers successfully deployed spike strips on the suspect vehicle, which traveled a short distance and crashed into two pickups that had stopped on the side of the roadway, Fox said.

The OSP Bomb Squad responded to the scene to search for a reported explosive device, but none was found, Fox said.

The westbound lane was shut down for about 10 hours. Traffic control was conducted by ODOT. Frontier Towing responded and towed the three involved crashed vehicles from the scene.

Greenhouse

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"We are asking customers what are some key things (produce) that they want," said John Day Senior Project Manager Aaron Lieuallen. "When we think about Chester's, we think about opportunities in which we could provide what they currently don't offer because it's cost prohibitive. It's not just lettuce and tomatoes, but is there something we can provide that hasn't really been offered?"

Chester's currently receives 50-70 heads of lettuce in a weekly shipment from the greenhouse. Shipments are expected to be 100-150 heads of lettuce a week in the near future, according to Robert Hunt, the store manager at Chester's.

"I think a lot of our customers enjoy buying local products, and now that we have local produce that will be available year-round for customers to buy, they will really enjoy the availability of the produce," said Hunt.

Two restaurants in John Day also receive produce from the greenhouse. Timbers Bistro receives weekly shipments of cherry and slicing tomatoes. 1188 Brewing Co. receives butterhead and romaine lettuce, basil and cilantro. The city plans to expand in the future.

Heninger said longevity is a benefit of the local produce, which makes it to the shelf much quicker after it is cut.

"It's locally grown and potentially harvested the same day that you are eating the lettuce," Lieuallen



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Adam Heninger, in charge of production at the city of John Day's greenhouse, shows the roots of butterhead lettuce in a pond at the greenhouse.

said. "Our goal is not to have a longer shelf life on the store shelves, but a longer shelf life in a consumer's refrigerator."

The price of the city's lettuce at Chester's is based on the market, and factors such as industry averages, production costs and product size can impact the cost.

Restaurants are buying the product at close to the same price they would pay from other vendors with the difference of getting same-day delivery and having a fresher product, according to John Day City Manager Nick Green.

The greenhouse is currently in a startup phase, but the city plans to be fully operational during the next fiscal year beginning in July.

"Most businesses aren't profitable in the first three years, and where this is part startup and part economic development — because our real goal is to also attract growers to our market — we don't necessarily need to have it break even or better in the first full year of operations, but that's the target," Green said. "I think by June 2021 we should have a good sense of what our profits and loss looks like."



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Butterhead lettuce that is about ready to harvest and package at the John Day greenhouse.

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Mark Owens hosts an event at The Outpost Dec. 5, talking to community members and leaders.

Owens

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"I feel I am a good listener and feel that I can bring forth their voice in a calm, yet passionate, way that gets people to listen," said Owens. "I am very hardworking, and I will go to all ends to make sure our voice is heard, but my ability to listen and bring our message together are my

strongest assets."

Owens shared his values and how they applied in decisions regarding moral and constitutional issues.

"Pro-life, Second Amendment and freedom of speech — they're black and white, and there are no gray areas in moral and constitutional issues, and we have to say no or yes to those issues," Owens said. "In other issues, there is flexibility because we have to make incremental steps in

the direction that we need to go to build back our rural communities. We have to be reasonable and willing to work with the other side."

Owens also said it is important to stand up for small businesses and be agriculture-friendly in Oregon.

Rep. Lynn Findley of Vale is the current representative for District 60, but he announced Oct. 31 that he will be running for the Oregon Senate.