

Drugs

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John Day Police Department Sgt. Scott Moore, Grant County Undersheriff Zach Mobley and Oregon State Police Sgt. Tom Hutchison from the Grant County Inter-agency Narcotics team made the arrest, according to the press release from the Grant County Sheriff’s Office.

Moore said this has been an ongoing drug investigation at Southeast Hillcrest Drive. At 5:28 p.m. Thursday, the house under investigation was placed under lock-

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down to apply for a search warrant, which means nobody was allowed in or out of the house so evidence was not destroyed, he said.

The search warrant was executed at about 8:30 p.m. “Round and Radinovich were arrested in a vehicle, and that vehicle was taken to Doug’s (Towing), and then a search warrant was done on the vehicle as well later in the

night,” Moore said.

After the search, a large quantity of drugs with an estimated street value of around \$14,600, large amounts of cash, a vehicle, several firearms and items used for manufacture and sales of controlled substances were seized, according to the press release from GCSO.

According to the information filed by Carpenter,

the bust collected at least 100 grams of suspected methamphetamine.

Moore said there were no altercations during the incident.

“You never know when you’re dealing with drugs and/or people on drugs, but there were no altercations,” Moore said.

Moore said he was happy with the bust, especially with the amount of time put into the investigation.

Carpenter said Round was arraigned Friday and is being held in jail with security set at \$250,000. His next court appearance is July 30.

He said Radinovich was also arraigned Friday and is being held with security set at \$75,000. His next court appearance is July 29.



Contributed photo/John Day Police Department
A rock of methamphetamine taken during a drug bust Thursday in John Day.

Mutilation

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animal this way. FBI case files record thousands of killings and mutilations of cattle across the U.S. since the 1970s. The animals are usually found with the same body parts missing — and no culprit has ever been arrested.

Hunt said he found the cow Thursday morning when he visited the pasture, as he does once a week, at a spot about half a mile from the nearest road. He said he immediately called the sheriff’s office.

Holmes said it’s hard to tell how the cow died. By the time authorities arrived, the animal had likely been dead a few days, past the window to perform a necropsy.

The tongue and genital wounds were “clean-cut,” said Holmes, not by a wild animal. But Hunt noted the wounds weren’t as clean-cut as those of his bull last winter.

How the cow died is a mystery. There were no dart punctures, no bullets, no strangulation marks, no rope burns, no tire tracks, no signs of poison.

In previous cases, people have speculated culprits may be cult members, satanic worshippers, even aliens.

But something makes this case unique.

Deputy Holmes told EO Media Group about 100 yards away from the carcass, officers found a partial boot print.

It’s possible it was the rancher’s own print. But Hunt says he hadn’t stepped out of his vehicle in that area for a long time, it didn’t look like his boot and Holmes said wind and rain would likely have covered over the print by now if he had. The print, he said, appears fresh.

The case continues.

“I didn’t say much when my bull died last winter,” said Hunt. “But this time, the cops wanted permission to publicize so maybe people can keep their eyes open. I say: All right, tell anyone you want. It won’t bring back my dead cow, but maybe we’ll catch the killer.”



Audrey Colson leaps into fun at Gleason Pool last year, likely the last year for the pool.

Pool

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Bureau focused on repairing Gleason Pool, Green said that the option was not feasible.

“That has never been an option for us,” Green said, referring to an estimate from the city’s consulting team of repair costs between \$540,000 and \$810,000 to extend Gleason Pool’s life 10-15 years. “We would be giving up a lucrative opportunity that would benefit the entire county, to be 10-15 years at a cost that is disproportionate to the value the pool provides. If that’s the only other option the cities support, then we are at an impasse.”

Fischer and Mt. Vernon Mayor Kenny Delano also expressed concerns with the taxing district. Delano said in April that he wished there was a way to provide a pool that wouldn’t be a long-term burden on taxpayers.

“From what I heard, their primary



Eagle file photo
John Day swimmer Justin Hodge is first in the heat in the 100-yard freestyle at the East Cascade District Championships last year. Gleason Pool in John Day was scheduled to close after this season, but COVID-19 prevented it from opening.

concern was with the permanent tax rate to operate the pool,” said Green. “I don’t know of another way to fund

it, so if they have another alternative for how we can fund the operations of the pool, I would like to hear that.”

He added that no pool pays for itself without a subsidy from the general population or a philanthropic organization because they do not see enough usage to cover the cost.

Although Grant County could still place the construction bond on the November ballot, the county could not include cities that do not pass resolutions supporting it within the proposed taxing district, so there would be no way to raise the estimated \$90,000 per year it would cost to operate and maintain the pool, Green said.

“The question becomes, ‘Does this community want a pool?’ and if they do and it’s not our proposal, who’s going to lead the next round of development?” Green said. “It will not be John Day. We’ve invested two years and \$70,000 in this proposal, and we’re not going back to rewrite it. If somebody else wants to take the lead, we will gladly go to their meetings and support their efforts.”

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