

PC man gets probation for ‘terrorizing’ ex

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BEND — A Prairie City man avoided further jail time for a domestic violence case from 2020 but got a tongue-lashing from the judge.

Deschutes County Circuit Judge Randy Miller told convicted abuser Nicholas James Alexander, 43, that he was lucky to get a plea deal recommending only time served. He also took issue with several of the defendant’s statements in court, including that the devil had a hand in the case and that “everything happens for a reason.”

“It happened for a reason — yes, it did. It happened because he chose to terrorize her,” Miller said at the sentencing Wednesday, Jan. 12. “What the state described was nothing short of terrorism, and the devil didn’t do it.”

At Alexander’s sentencing, prosecutor Brittany Haver of the Deschutes County District Attorney’s Office outlined the background of Alexander’s latest case.

On Dec. 13, 2020, the victim had been trying to stay away from Alexander. He located her in a Walgreen’s parking lot in Redmond and used his vehicle to block hers. He yelled at her and broke one of her car mirrors. She was forced to use her car to push his out of the way and flee, Haver said.

Later, she was outside the Redmond Walmart when Alexander approached her. She ran to the store entrance, but he grabbed her, tossed her phone on the ground and started dragging her to his vehicle. Multiple witnesses called 911, and employees intervened, but Alexander escaped before Redmond police arrived.

Officers agreed to keep watch on the woman’s hotel room that evening as agencies worked to find Alexander.

Around 7:30 that night, Alexander parked near the hotel and “slipped past” law enforcement officers on foot, Haver said. He entered the woman’s room, but she wasn’t there. He spotted her outside the hotel and chased her into her van,

then back to her room. She called 911 as Alexander smashed through her hotel room window, causing \$258 in damage, and chased her out of the room.

Alexander was eventually tracked down the next day in an attic in Culver and arrested. He was charged in December 2020 with 14 counts, including the Class A felony of first-degree unlawful sexual penetration.

Alexander came to court Wednesday having arranged a plea deal involving 180 days in jail, time he’d already served, and three years’ probation. For the incidents at Walgreen’s and Walmart, he pleaded guilty to one count each of coercion. For the hotel attack, he pleaded guilty to menacing and endangering someone protected by a restraining order. All other charges were dropped.

“I lost everything when I met Nick,” Alexander’s victim told the court. “The ripple effects of his abuse are way too much to get into in one letter. The problem with Nick is, he follows through on about half

the threats he makes. And I never knew, from one day to the next, which threats he was going to follow through on.”

Over a rambling nine-minute statement to the court, Alexander blamed his problems on drugs and the devil and said “everything happens for a reason.” He said his victim had tried repeatedly to contact him, despite the restraining order she has against him.

“I think Mr. Alexander has made about 500 excuses,” the judge said after Alexander was finished. “Really, I’m not persuaded by anything he’s said. I hope I’m wrong. I hope a scintilla of what he’s saying is accurate. I hope that he does make improvement, for everybody’s sake. Not just his, but all the victims he creates with his behavior.”

In the end the judge went along with the plea deal with the caveat that if Alexander violates probation, he’ll serve a minimum of four years in prison.

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\$16,500 reward offered for info about slain wolf

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA COUNTY — Conservation groups are offering a \$16,500 reward for information that leads to an arrest and conviction in an illegal wolf killing in Wallowa County.

A 2-year-old collared female wolf was found dead southeast of Wallowa and reported just after 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 8. Oregon State Police reported the killing on Jan. 11. The wolf, designated OR-106, was found on Parsnip Creek Road in the Sled Springs game management unit.

In addition to the Humane Society, the Center for Biological Diversity, Predator Defense, Western Watersheds Project, Cascadia Wildlands, Oregon Wild, Speak for Wolves and Northeast Oregon Ecosystems are pledging funding to the reward.

Those with information may contact Oregon State Police Sgt. Isaac Cyr at 800-452-7888.

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 Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff’s Office reported the following for the week ending Jan. 12:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 2
- Average inmates: 12
- Bookings: 6
- Releases: 6
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 1
- Civil papers: 10
- Warrants processed: 4
- Asst./welfare check: 1
- Search and rescue: 0

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following activity for the week ending Jan. 12:

- Traffic citations filed: 3
- Violations filed: 2
- Misdemeanors filed: 1
- Small claims/civil filings: 1
- Hearings held: 12
- Persons on probation: 42
- Warrants issued: 2
- Violation of basic rule: Dylan J. Rose, 18, Klamath Falls, Nov. 20, 88/55 zone, fined \$340.
- Exceeding speed limit: Dakota Dane Glenn, 22, Burns, Nov. 5, 83/65 zone, fined \$225; Jose Maria Villa Anguiano, 32, Richland, Washington, Nov. 28, 94/65 zone, fined \$440; Charles

Frederick Miller, 60, Walla Walla, Washington, Nov. 28, 85/65 zone, fined \$265.

- Passing in a no-passing zone: Sarah Ann Banta, 59, Portland, Jan. 3, fined \$200.
- Following too closely: Sarah Ann Banta, 59, Portland, Jan. 3, fined \$200.

Dispatch

Grant County dispatch worked 100 calls during the week ending Jan. 14, including:

- Oregon State Police
 - Jan. 9: Advised of a report of shots fired on Highway 26 near milepost 158.
 - Jan. 9: Advised of driving complaint on Highway 395 at Long Creek.
 - Jan. 11: Advised of a driving complaint on Highway 26 near milepost 156.
 - Jan. 13: Advised of a single-vehicle, non-injury accident on Highway 395 North near milepost 108B.
- ODOT
 - Jan. 9: Advised of large rocks on Highway 26 just west of Picture Gorge.
- Grant County Sheriff’s Office
 - Jan. 7: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park, John Day, for a trespassing complaint. Unfounded.
 - Jan. 7: Responded to East Main Street, John Day, for a non-injury accident.
 - Jan. 8: Advised of a request for assistance from Hope 4 Paws at Depot Park, Prairie City.
 - Jan. 9: Responded to Old West Federal Credit Union, John Day, for a suspicious

vehicle.

- Jan. 9: Responded to Figaro’s Pizza, John Day. Ryan Glen Chapman, 47, of Prairie City was arrested on suspicion of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and an outstanding warrant for probation violation.
- Jan. 9: Responded to Hillcrest Drive, John Day, for a report of telephonic harassment.
- Jan. 10: Responded to North Washington Street, Prairie City, for a report of aggressive dogs.
- Jan. 10: Responded to Mt. Vernon Post Office for a criminal mischief report.
- Jan. 10: Responded to the Dayville Mini Mart for a suspicious vehicle.
- Jan. 10: Responded to John Day Trailer Park for a theft report.
- Jan. 10: Responded to Paterson Drive, Canyon City, for a restraining order violation.
- Jan. 11: Responded to Highway 26 near Dayville for a public assist.
- Jan. 12: Responded to Highland Place, John Day, for an unwanted subject.
- Jan. 12: Responded to Beech Creek Road for a non-injury accident.
- Jan. 12: Responded to Ervin Street, Dayville, for a dog complaint.
- Jan. 12: Traffic stop, Highway 395 South, milepost 4C. Driver warned for failure to maintain lane.
- Jan. 12: Responded to Southeast Council Drive, Mt. Vernon, for a civil problem.
- Jan. 12: Responded to High-

way 395 South near milepost 3C for an overdue motorist.

- Jan. 13: Responded to South McHaley Street, Prairie City, for a driving complaint.
- Jan. 13: Responded to Northeast Second Avenue, John Day, for a fraud complaint.
- Jan. 13: Responded to Chester’s Thriftway, John Day, for a welfare check.
- Jan. 13: Responded to Southeast Council Drive, Mt. Vernon, for a report of telephonic harassment.
- Jan. 14: Responded to Clyde Holliday State Park, Mt. Vernon, for a dispute.
- Jan. 14: Responded to South Canyon Boulevard, John Day, for a report of two children left unattended in a running vehicle.
- Jan. 14: Responded to Southeast Council Drive, Mt. Vernon, for a report of disorderly conduct involving an intoxicated subject.
- John Day Ambulance
 - Jan. 7: Patient transfer at the

airport.

- Jan. 8: Dispatched to Valley View Assisted Living for an elderly male who pulled out his catheter.
- Jan. 8: Dispatched to Harper Creek Road, Mt. Vernon, for a 90-year-old female who was vomiting.
- Jan. 8: Dispatched to East Main Street for a 42-year-old female with an ankle injury.
- Jan. 8: Patient transport to Redmond.
- Jan. 8: Dispatched to Canyon Creek Apartments for a 56-year-old male with difficulty breathing.
- Jan. 9: Dispatched to Highway 26 near Mt. Vernon for a 61-year-old female who lost consciousness.
- Jan. 9: Dispatched to Southeast Hillcrest Road for a 75-year-old male who was non-responsive and had labored breathing.
- Jan. 9: Dispatched to Valley View Assisted Living for a lift assist.
- Jan. 11: Dispatched to East

Fifth Street for a male with a medical problem.

- Jan. 11: Patient transfer at the airport.
- Jan. 12: Dispatched with Dayville Fire to West Franklin Street, Dayville, for a male with back pain.
- Jan. 12: Dispatched to South Canyon Boulevard for a medical alert for a 44-year-old female. Accidental alert.
- Seneca Ambulance
 - Jan. 8: Dispatched with John Day Ambulance to B Avenue for a 62-year-old male with chest pains.
- Prairie City Ambulance
 - Jan. 10: Dispatched with John Day Ambulance to Mountain View Mini Mart for an elderly man with a fall injury.
 - Jan. 10: Dispatched with John Day Ambulance to South Main Street for a possible heart attack.
- Monument Ambulance
 - Jan. 10: Dispatched with John Day Ambulance to Highway 402 for a female having chest pains.

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Important Dates: Job posting will be open from January 11-February 28. All applications must be submitted prior to February 28.

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