

Man gets prison in fatal hit-and-run

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The Bulletin

BEND — Anthony Rubaldino Vasquez was sentenced to 13 months in prison Thursday, May 19, for being impaired while driving when he struck and killed a 90-year-old pedestrian in Redmond in 2020.

He also received an invitation. “Maybe someday you will come to my house and you will ask for forgiveness,” said Loren Hall, son of the man Vasquez killed. “Not here, because I don’t know that I can truly trust what you say here. But I hope that someday you look me up.”

Vasquez, 21, of Redmond, had earlier pleaded guilty in Deschutes County Circuit Court to the felonies of hit-and-run and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

In addition to 13 months in prison, Vasquez was sentenced to a five-year driver’s license suspension and three years post-prison supervision, during which he will be prohibited from marijuana use.

Around 6:07 p.m., Nov. 20, 2020, Leroy Hall walked from his home in the Four Wheels Mobile Home Court on SW Sixth Street to make a purchase at the Buggy Stop nearby. It was a route he used routinely, said prosecutor



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Loren Hall, left, son of a pedestrian killed in Redmond after being struck by a truck driven by Anthony Rubaldino Vasquez, right, pray together after Vasquez’s sentencing Thursday, May 19, 2022, in Deschutes County Circuit Court.

Kyle Pearson.

As he stepped into the southbound lane of Southwest Sixth Street, he was struck by Vasquez’s 2018 GMC Yukon, throwing him to the ground, where he was struck by another vehicle.

Witnesses gathered near him and attempted to revive Hall. Vasquez stopped briefly and got out of his vehicle. He was heard to say, “I hit him. I hit him.”

He got back in the Yukon and drove away. He was pulled over by a Redmond Police Department officer shortly after. He’d switched seats with his passenger, his girlfriend at the time. He seemed scared and paranoid, Pearson said.

Vasquez, then 19, failed mul-

tipled roadside sobriety tests, and admitted to consuming marijuana before driving. He was arrested and charged with criminally negligent homicide and other counts.

“He ran away from the scene based on fear and being scared of what had happened,” Pearson said.

Hall was a Korean War veteran who left behind three adult children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Though he was 90 years old, he was very much still alive, according to relatives. He planned to live to 100, his son said. At the time of his death, he was getting ready for a train trip to Canada the next summer.

Four arrested in graffiti spree

East Oregonian

MILTON-FREEWATER — Milton-Freewater police Chief Doug Boedigheimer reported law enforcement has caught three teens and one adult related to numerous cases of graffiti.

Boedigheimer in a press release Friday, May 20, reported members of the Milton-Freewater Police Department and the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office “collaborated on the detention of several juveniles and one adult who had been involved in a month’s long spree of criminal mischief to public and private property in the Milton-Freewater area.”

Residents have reported multiple cases of graffiti since, according to the press release, but police had no suspects.

Police and sheriff’s deputies, with the assistance of Milton-Freewater Unified School District staff, developed several juvenile suspects. Boedigheimer reported that led to referring three juveniles to the Umatilla County Juvenile Department, as

well as the arrest of Harry Dwain Shaul, 19, of Milton-Freewater. Police on May 13 booked Shaul into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

“The graffiti involved in this spree was not of an apparent gang nature,” according to Boedigheimer.

He explained police do not think the Nazi swastika, which is one of the graffiti symbols, indicates white supremacist activity in Milton-Freewater, and it has not been specifically linked to the aforementioned individuals.

“The investigation into their crimes, as well as the swastika, is ongoing,” he stated.

Law enforcement also is tallying the cost of the damages from the graffiti for the purpose of helping the Umatilla County District Attorney’s Office determine charges.

Boedigheimer credited the efforts of law enforcement and the school district as an example of “what can be accomplished when school districts and law enforcement across various agencies work together.”

Island City motorcyclist dies in crash

Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — An Island City man died when he lost control of the motorcycle he was riding while exiting Interstate 84 in Baker City on Tuesday afternoon, May 17.

John Dale Atwood, 73, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The accident happened around 4:24 p.m.,

according to an Oregon State Police report.

Atwood was riding westbound on the freeway when he took the offramp at Exit 304, the Campbell Street interchange.

“For unknown reasons,” Atwood lost control of the 2011 Harley-Davidson and crashed into a guardrail, according to the OSP report. He was thrown from the motorcycle, which continued down the offramp.

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.

Oregon State Police

May 14

1:12 p.m.: A fish and wildlife trooper seized a mule deer buck head from a Ram 1500 pickup in the Northside Wildlife Management Unit. The driver was warned for unlawful possession of a game animal and driving without a license. The passenger, Michael Colby Gibbs, 37, was cited for open container of alcohol and warned for permitting unlawful operation of a motor vehicle.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff’s Office reported the following for the week ending May 18:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 7
- Bookings: 3
- Releases: 5
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 9
- Warrants processed: 1
- Assist/welfare check: 1
- Search and rescue: 0

May 16

Carol Tonwensend, 65, of John Day was cited for careless driving resulting in an accident.

Jessica Burkhart, 40, of Toledo was cited for speeding (81/65 zone).

Kassidy Williams, 21, of John Day was cited for third-degree theft.

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following activity for the week ending May 18:

- Traffic citations filed: 11
- Driver’s license suspensions: 18
- Cases on probation: 42
- Hearings held: 9
- Warrants issued: 1
- Violation of the basic rule: Christopher John Nelson, 32, Sisters, April 18, 75/55 zone, fined \$165.

Exceeding the speed limit: Richard C. Kelley, 54, Sutherlin, April 14, 49/30 zone, fined \$165; Sierra Lynn Dahlen, 22, Seneca, April 7, 99/65 zone, fined \$440;

Jonathan R. Sieg, 27, Bend, Jan. 24, 58/45, fined \$165; J.D. Richard Scarberry, 33, Eugene, May 8, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Souner B. Crain, 46, Klamath Falls, March 14, 75/65 zone, fined \$165.

Driving while suspended or revoked: Caleb Joe Vielma, 32, John Day, April 10, fined \$440; Kimberly Rose Baggerly, 51, John Day, March 30, fined \$440; Michael J. Terkelson, 43, La Grande, April 17, fined \$440; Brian Theodore Sicha, 58, Dayville, April 25, fined \$440; Jim Edd Roba, 47, Prairie City, April 23, fined \$440; Kenneth Michael Felix, 31, John Day, April 22, fined \$440; Quentin Michael Hanner, 22, Long Creek, Feb. 19, fined \$440.

Driving uninsured: Caleb Joe Vielma, 32, John Day, April 10, fined \$265; Kimberly Rose Baggerly, 51, John Day, March 30, fined \$265; Michael J. Terkelson, 43, La Grande, April 17, fined \$265; Brian Theodore Sicha, 58, Dayville, April 25, fined \$265; Jim Edd Roba, 47, Prairie City, April 23, fined \$265; Kenneth Michael Felix, 31, John Day, April 22, fined \$265; David Robert Kodesh, 26, Canyon City, Nov. 30, fined \$265.

Expired registration sticker: Caleb Joe Vielma, 32, John Day, April 10, fined \$115; Michael J. Terkelson, 43, La Grande, April 17, fined \$115.

Improper operation of a motor-assisted scooter: David Wesly Burke, 27, John Day, March 14, fined \$115.

Unlawful take or possession of a game mammal: Kyle Freischmidt, 34, Nampa, Idaho, Feb. 1, fined \$440.

Improper use of 911: Philomena June Dutcher, 38, Prairie City, fined \$440.

Dispatch

Grant County dispatch worked 112 calls during the week ending May 17, including:

• Grant County Sheriff

May 11

7:18 p.m.: Responded to Oregon Telephone Corp. office, Mt. Vernon, for a burglar alarm.

8:38 p.m.: Responded to Northwest Bridge Street, John Day, for a suspicious vehicle.

9:15 p.m.: Responded to West Franklin Street, Dayville, for a civil problem.

May 12

7:35 a.m.: Responded to Seneca City Hall for a theft report.

8:17 a.m.: Responded to Bumpy Road, Joh Day, for a barking dog complaint.

5:03 p.m.: Responded to Canyon Creek Apartments, John Day, for a welfare check.

6:06 p.m.: Responded to Wilderness Road, John Day. Nicholas James Alexander, 44, of John Day was arrested on charges of menacing, domestic violence and fourth-degree assault.

10:58 p.m.: Responded to Pine Creek Road east of John Day for a dispute.

May 13

8:14 a.m.: Responded to Southwest First Street, John Day, for a welfare check.

3:16 p.m.: Responded with Oregon State Police to Seventh Street Sports Complex, John Day, for a driving complaint.

3:22 p.m.: Responded to Highway 26 east of John Day for a deer vs. vehicle crash.

10:27 p.m.: Advised of suspicious circumstances on Patterson Drive, Canyon City.

May 14

7:26 a.m.: Traffic stop at Highway 395 and Park Avenue, Mt. Vernon. Driver warned for speeding.

8:02 a.m.: Responded to Forest Service Road 4020 for an illegal hunting complaint.

9:03 a.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 26 and Bridge Street, John Day. Driver warned for speeding.

9:35 a.m.: Responded to West Franklin Avenue, Dayville, for a restraining order complaint.

10:05 a.m.: Responded to Highway 26 west of John Day for a road hazard.

1:15 a.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 26 at Moon Creek Road. Driver warned for speeding.

1:25 p.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 26 at Moon Creek Road. Driver warned for violating the basic rule.

4:47 p.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 26 near milepost 171. Driver warned for speeding.

6:24 p.m.: Responded to Northwest Bridge Street, John Day, for a public assist.

6:26 p.m.: Received a report of harassment at the Little league fields, John Day.

6:37 p.m.: Responded to High-

way 26 at Dixie Summit for a suspicious vehicle.

May 15

8:55 a.m.: Responded to Highway 26 and La Costa Road for a livestock complaint.

9:28 a.m.: Received a lost animal complaint from Magone Lake.

May 16

4:27 a.m.: Responded to Canyon City Market for report of unwanted subjects.

7:33 a.m.: Responded to Highway 19 between Monument and Kimberly for a livestock complaint.

7:55 a.m.: Responded to Highway 26 near Dayville for a livestock complaint.

8:47 a.m.: Responded to Aslin Avenue, Mt. Vernon, for a welfare check.

7:17 p.m.: Responded to Hillcrest Drive, John Day, for a report of a domestic dispute.

May 17

9:16 a.m.: Responded to Chevron station, Mt. Vernon, for a possible drunk driver. Unable to locate.

1:52 p.m.: Responded to Blue Mountain Hospital, John Day, for a hit and run.

1:40 p.m.: Responded to Seventh Street Sports Complex, John Day, for a loud music complaint.

3:04 p.m.: Responded to Third

Street Extended, John Day, for suspicious vehicle.

7:01 p.m.: Responded to Mobil station, Canyon City, for a driving complaint. Blake Ibarra, 29, of Canyon City was arrested for driving under the influence.

8:32 p.m.: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park, John Day, for a trespassing complaint.

8:36 p.m.: Responded to Canyon City Market for a theft of services (gas) complaint.

8:46 p.m.: Responded to Highway 402 near milepost 8 for a livestock complaint.

• Oregon State Police

May 16

1:25 a.m.: Advised of a suspicious circumstances report on Highway 26 near milepost 139.

• John Day Ambulance

May 11

4:32 p.m.: Dispatched to Northeast Dayton Street for a lift assist of a 78-year-old male.

8:05 p.m.: Dispatched to Valley View Assisted Living for a 74-year-old female losing consciousness.

May 13

9:42 a.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park for a medical alarm.

10:17 a.m.: Dispatched to C&M Apartments for a 73-year-old

male with a possible stroke.

10:29 a.m.: Responded to Chester’s Market for a motor vehicle crash with injuries. Both patients refused medical treatment.

6:26 p.m.: Patient transfer at the airport.

May 14

10:25 p.m.: Dispatched to Traf-ton Lane for a 99-year-old male with stroke symptoms.

9:57 p.m.: Responded to John Day Trailer Park for a 25-year-old male with seizures.

May 16

12:35 p.m.: Dispatched to Northwest Bridge Street for a patient transport.

7:04 p.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park for an 83-year-old female with a diabetic issue.

May 17

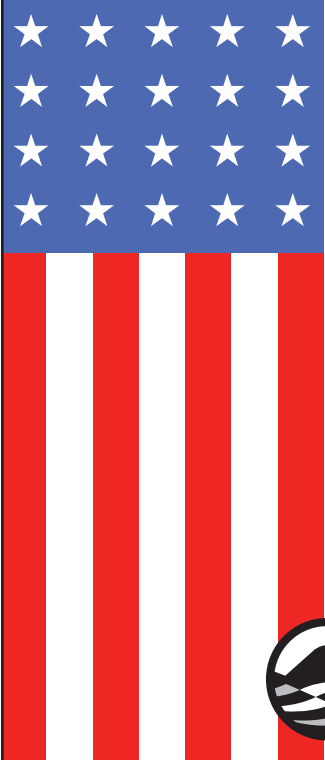
9:31 a.m.: Dispatched to East Main Street for a female in possible anaphylactic shock.

• John Day Fire

May 14

9:32 p.m.: Responded to Northwest Bridge Street for smoke detection reported by alarm company.

9:35 p.m.: Responsible party asked firefighters to stand down. False alarm.




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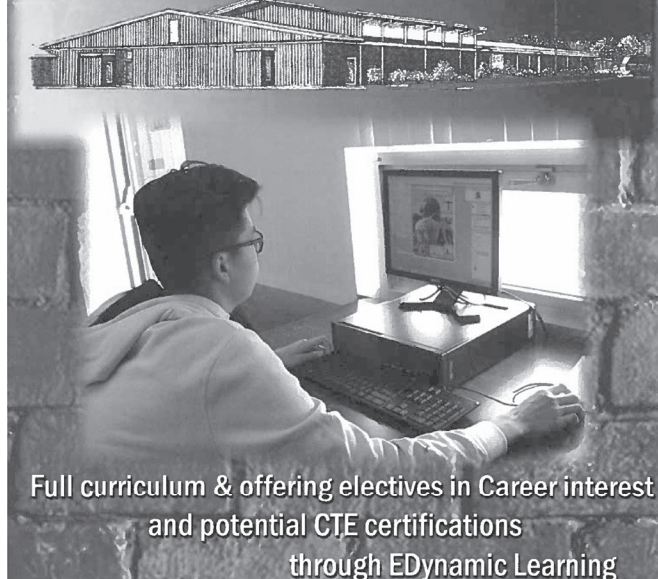
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