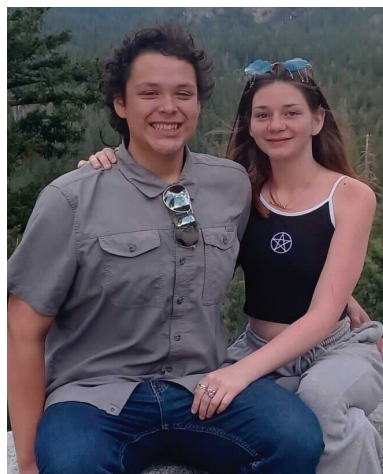


# Two teens killed in Bend

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**Alfredo P. Hernandez and Angela Alexus Pastorino**

BEND — A young couple was found dead in a southwest Bend home, and a local man with a history of troubling behavior is in custody on suspicion of aggravated murder.

The bodies of Angela Alexus Pastorino, 18, and Alfredo P. Hernandez, 18, were found in the garage of the home at 20081 Mount Faith Place.

Bend police said they were killed sometime after an argument Tuesday evening, but their bodies were not discovered until Wednesday night. Wesley Abel Brady, 41, is being held at the Deschutes County Jail following his arrest late Wednesday on suspicion of aggravated murder, sodomy, sexual abuse, abuse of a corpse, strangulation and tampering with evidence.

Pastorino's mother, Jennifer Grigg, of Bend, told The Bulletin two detectives arrived at her home Thursday morning, along with a chaplain. She doesn't recall exactly what they said.

"I just heard 'deceased,' and I just kind of lost it," she said.

Standing next to caution tape outside the home midday Thursday, Bend police spokeswoman Sheila Miller provided an initial overview of the killings.

"Brady and Hernandez were involved in an altercation, and then Brady killed both the victims," Miller said. "We don't know what the motivation was. Obviously, there is a long investigation ahead."

On Tuesday, Pastorino, Hernandez and Brady were at the house working on home improvement projects for the owner, Miller said. County property records list the home's owner as Melissa Adams, 49.

Grigg said Adams is the mother of one of Pastorino's friends. Grigg said Adams told her that she was allowing Brady to live in her home.

When Pastorino and Hernandez finished their work, they stuck around the home "drinking and partying," Miller said.

At some point, there was a physical altercation that police believe led to the killings.

At around 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, Adams found a body in her garage and called 911. Police arrived and discovered a second body. As police processed the scene, Brady returned to the neighborhood and was arrested at 11:53 p.m., Miller said.

When police visited Grigg, she asked if she could see her daughter.

"They told me that I might want to rethink that," she said.

samples of blood to go in it.

Zancanella said during their marriage, she saw Brady treat a number of animals "deplorably." He had up to seven dogs at one time, kept in cramped and dirty cages. He'd often take dogs to a family property in Christmas Valley, and the animals would never be seen again, Zancanella wrote.

"Though (Brady) had moments of lucidity, where he seemed to have a better grasp of reality, those periods were short-lived," she wrote.

In June 2017, Zancanella received a restraining order against Brady in Benton County Circuit Court. She filed for divorce later that month.

Reached by phone Thursday, Zancanella said friends had been texting her since news broke of Brady's arrest. She declined to comment.

The Thomas McCann House case was ultimately resolved when Brady pleaded no contest to burglary and arson. His probation included requirements that he comply with mental health treatment and not own or have unsupervised contact with animals.

Brady has one child with Zancanella and two older children with another woman.

Police received warrants to search the Mount Faith Place home, as well as two vehicles owned by Brady and the property he owns in Christmas Valley.

No cause of death was released. Autopsies were expected to be conducted Thursday.

"Essentially, every detective in our department is working on this," Miller said. "A lot of resources go into something like this. Thankfully, this kind of thing doesn't happen that often, but we take it super seriously."

By midafternoon Thursday, the county major incident team and investigators with Bend Police and Oregon State Police were on scene.

"It's kind of hard to comprehend that something like that could happen so close to home," said Joan Lindblom, a retired speech pathologist who lives several houses from the crime scene.

Pastorino attended Bend High School, and Hernandez attended Marshall High School. They'd dated for around a year, according to Grigg.

Grigg said her daughter had recently obtained her GED diploma and that Hernandez was one program away from earning his. She said Pastorino was planning to apply next week to a certified nursing assistant program.

Grigg said that her daughter and Hernandez were fun and loving, "good-hearted people." A GoFundMe for the family and the funeral expenses has already raised more than \$3,600.

# Baker County deems section of Pine Creek Road public

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BAKER CITY — The Baker County Board of Commissioners voted 3-0 on Wednesday morning, Aug. 17, to approve a resolution designating a section of Pine Creek Road, which is the subject of two current civil lawsuits, as a county road open to the public.

Commissioners approved the resolution after a brief public hearing at the courthouse.

There was applause and cheering from the audience of about 20, which included several people who live in the Pine Creek area.

Some of those residents urged commissioners, during an April 19 public hearing, to take action to ensure the public can travel the road.

The resolution states, in part, that "all private gates, structures, and obstructions" on the section of road surveyed last year "are hereby ordered to be removed."

Commissioner Mark Bennett emphasized that although commissioners' vote was "certainly a step forward," the process under state law includes a 60-day appeal period.

Bennett said he wants residents to understand that the gate that property owner David McCarty installed in 2020 won't be unlocked or removed immediately, and he cautioned people to avoid taking any action on their own.

Bennett said he didn't want to downplay the significance of commissioners' action, however. He noted that they were spurred by residents who have had access to the road for many decades.

"I think that this is based on extensive public input," Bennett said. "We've had numerous public hearings with opportunities for the public and for Mr. McCarty to make comments and to submit testimony, information, documents, and also research."

## Process started more than a year ago

Wednesday's vote culminates a process commissioners started in June 2021, when they passed a resolution "declaring the necessity for the legalization of Pine Creek Lane."

The resolution deals with the section of road that starts at the eastern edge of McCarty's property and ends at the junction with another road leading to the Baisley Elkhorn mine. The

resolution also covers a section of the Baisley Elkhorn mine road.

The Pine Creek Road itself continues another 2 miles or so beyond the junction, leading to Pine Creek Reservoir, which is on national forest land, and beyond.

The county's road legalization process was prompted by a lawsuit that David McCarty, who owns a 1,560-acre property through which the road runs for about 2 1/2 miles, filed against the county on April 30, 2021.

McCarty is asking for either a declaration that the disputed section of the Pine Creek Road crossing his property is not a public right-of-way, or, if a jury concludes there is legal public access, that the limits of that access be defined and that the county pay him \$730,000 to compensate for the lost value of the land based on the legal public access and for other costs he has incurred as a result of the county's actions.

He bought the land in September 2020, and not long after he installed a gate that has at times been locked.

Joelleen Linstrom, who lives with McCarty, has said previously that McCarty didn't object to people walking along the road, but that he was concerned about people in vehicles posing a potential fire danger.

Linstrom repeated that concern during Wednesday's meeting, saying she had "observed a lot of people being careless during fire season."

Cindy Birko, who lives near Pine Creek, told commissioners on Wednesday that she believes the fire risk is lower when the road is open and more people are using it, and thus in the area to potentially see and report smoke.

"I do not view that as a liability, but I see that as an asset to protect us all," Birko said.

Tom Lager, who owns property that is surrounded by McCarty's land, echoed Birko's thoughts.

Lager and his wife, Betty Ann, are the plaintiffs, along with James and Sharen Sanders, in a recently filed lawsuit naming McCarty and Linstrom as defendants.

The Lagers and Sanders are each seeking monetary damages of at least \$250,000, claiming McCarty's installation of the gate has deprived them of access to and enjoyment of their properties.

Both that lawsuit, and the suit McCarty filed against the county in April 2021, are pending.

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