

McKrola released after bail reduced

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CANYON CITY — Brogan McKrola was released to the custody of his father on Saturday, Oct. 22, after his attorney J. Robert Moon Jr. convinced Judge Daina Vitolins — over the opposition of prosecutors — to reduce his bail.

The judge's ruling was made on Friday, Oct. 21, during a Grant County Circuit Court hearing, with most of the participants participating via videoconference.

A separate defense motion to sever the charges against McKrola from two cases into multiple trials was denied, while a competing prosecution motion to consolidate all the counts into a single trial was granted. Judge Vitolins



Steven Mitchell/Blue Mountain Eagle
Brogan McKrola is escorted to the courtroom Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the Grant County Courthouse.

also declared she would limit cross-examination and issue a set of limiting instructions in the trial.

As conditions of his release, McKrola, 24, must

avoid contact with any of the named victims in the case, must avoid intoxicants and must remain in his father's presence when away from their residence in Mt. Vernon.

There are 11 named victims in the case. McKrola faces a total of 30 charges, 20 of those sexual offenses and 16 of them Measure 11 offenses that carry mandatory minimum sentences. The charges include rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, kidnapping, strangulation and aggravated animal abuse.

McKrola has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

On Saturday, McKrola was transferred by Grant County Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Smith began on Monday, Oct. 24, with jury selection. Smith faces three felony counts: attempted rape, attempted sex abuse and fourth-degree assault, all pertaining to events alleged to have occurred on Aug. 31, 2018.

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The Grant County Courthouse is seen on Oct. 7, 2022.

Tyler Smith trial begins

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the high-profile case meant additional measures were needed to provide candidates, which took the form of Circuit Court Judge Dan Bunch directing the sheriff to take summonses out into the community to give to eligible residents.

Under state law, a judge can take such steps if needed to ensure an adequate jury pool.

The trial is scheduled to last up to two weeks once a slate of jurors and alternates has been selected.

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

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following activity for the week ending Oct. 19:

- Traffic citations filed: 22
- Misdemeanors filed: 4
- Weighmaster citations: 1
- Hearings held: 24
- Driver's license suspensions: 0
- Cases on probation: 21
- Small claims/civil filed: 4
- Warrants issued: 0

Violation of the basic rule: Jillanne Margaret Krupoff Berry, 44, Prineville, Oct. 7, 75/55 zone, fined \$165.

Exceeding the speed limit: Cody Bennett Sederlin, 33, Prairie City, Sept. 29, 83/65 zone, fined \$225; Josiah M. Eber Harter, 26, John Day, Oct. 3, 75/65 zone, fined \$140; Bobbie Jean Ray, 61, Culver, Oct. 4, 77/55 zone, fined \$225; Mark Brian Gerdes, 53, Redmond, Sept. 22, 77/55 zone, fined \$265; Galen Leo Green, 40, Baker City, Sept. 29, 78/65 zone, fined \$225; Christopher Robert Jacobson, 46, Albany, Oct. 3, 74/65, fined \$165; Taylor O'Neil Brown, 39, Redmond, Oct. 5, 84/55 zone, fined \$265; David Ray Maas, 74, Friday Harbor, Washington, Oct. 9, 49/30 zone, fined \$165.

Driving uninsured: Kyle Steven Morris, 23, Canyon City, Oct. 5, fined \$265; Kyle Steven Morris, 23, Canyon City, Oct. 26, fined \$265.

Failure to yield: Preston Ray Reitz, 44, Canyon City, Sept. 16, fined \$225.

Exceeding maximum weight limit: Michael C. Boozenny, 45, Lakeview, Sept. 14, fined \$150.

Oregon State Police

5:52 a.m.: Responded to Dayville for a bear that had been shot by a homeowner who feared it was going to kill their dog. Trooper found the bear in a tree near the scene. The bear was dispatched and turned over to Oregon department of Fish and Wildlife for examination.

4:08 p.m.: Trooper made a traffic stop of a Dodge pickup in the Len's Pharmacy parking lot, John Day. The driver, Bruce David McMaster, 53, was arrested on a charge of violating a restraining order and transported to the Grant County jail.

9:09 p.m.: Trooper responded to

County Road 65, Canyon City, for a single-vehicle accident near milepost 2. The driver, Joseph Vernon Radinovich, 44, of John Day, was cited for careless driving resulting in an accident.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week ending Oct. 19:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 9
- Average inmates: 9
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 8
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 8
- Civil papers: 23
- Warrants processed: 7
- Assist/welfare check: 1
- Search and rescue: 1

Dispatch

Grant County dispatch worked 125 calls during the week ending 10/19/22, including:

Grant County Sheriff

- Oct. 11**
- 10:25 a.m.: Report of criminal mischief at Humboldt Elementary.
- 4:20 p.m.: Report of trespass at Meadowbrook Apartments, John Day.
- 4:27 p.m.: Storm Mensch, 23, arrested on a Grant County warrant on Silvers Lane, Mt. Vernon.

1:16 p.m.: Arrested escaped inmate Hal Andrew Davis III of Baker City for escape ii and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on Forest Service Road 318.

2:39 p.m.: Johnathan Sigat, 23 of John Day taken into custody on Baker County court order at 7th Street Complex, John Day.

4:21 p.m.: Report of bear cub at large at Budget 8 Motel, John Day.

Oct. 13

7:31 a.m.: Report of single-vehicle accident, without injury.

8:49 a.m.: Arrested Jacob Brown, 33, of Dayville on Grant County warrant, John Day.

Oct. 14

4:07 a.m.: Travis Alexander Palmer, 32, of Mt. Vernon cited for driving while suspended, no insurance or registration at Keeney Fork Road, milepost 8.

Oct. 15

2:21 p.m.: Responded to Highway 395 South, milepost 3, for a motorist assist.

4:24 p.m.: Responded to Highway 26 west of Mt. Vernon for a report of custodial interference.

6:50 p.m.: Responded to Northwest Seventh Street, John Day, for a report of a domestic dispute.

8:34 p.m.: Responded to Maple Street, Granite, for a report of a domestic dispute.

Oct. 16

2:13 a.m.: Responded to the Mt. Vernon Community Hall for a report of a dispute.

4:41 p.m.: Responded to South Washington Street, Canyon City, for a report of child endangerment.

10:16 p.m.: Responded to Highway 26 near milepost 166 for a motorist assist.

10:31 p.m.: Responded to Deer Creek Ranch near Long Creek for a search and rescue operation.

Oct. 17

12:26 a.m.: Responded with OSP to East Main Street, John Day, for a report of prowlers. Unfounded.

Oct. 18

9:17 a.m.: Responded to junction of Forest Service Roads 15 and 16 for an abandoned vehicle.

7:54 p.m.: Removed a dead deer from Highway 395 South near Grant Union Junior/Senior High School, John Day.

Oct. 19

6:56 a.m.: Advised of a restrain-

ing order violation on Southwest Brent Drive, John Day.

2:14 p.m.: Responded to East Main Street, John Day, for a report of a motor vehicle crash and possible fire.

3:12 p.m.: Responded to Highway 395 South, milepost 1C, John Day for a possible intoxicated driver.

4:46 p.m.: Responded to Izee-Paulina Highway, Bear Valley, for a report of a grass fire.

5:04 p.m.: Responded to Southwest Brent Drive, John Day, for a civil standby.

Oregon State Police

John Day Ambulance

Oct. 11
10:23 p.m.: Responded for 84-year-old male with severe abdominal pain at US 395 north of Mt. Vernon.

11:57 p.m.: Responded to 88-year-old female having difficulty breathing on West Main Street, John Day.

Oct. 14
12:41 a.m.: Responded to 96-year-old female with back pain, Valley View Assisted Living, John Day.

2:20 p.m.: Responded to 64 year-old male with bleeding at East Main Street, John Day.

2:37 p.m.: Responded to 14-year-old male who fell at Lower Yard Road, John Day.

Oct. 15
11:15 a.m.: Responded to West Main Street for an 85-year-old female with an infection.

Oct. 16
10:13 a.m.: Responded to South-

east Hillcrest Drive for an 80-year-old male who fell.

2:38 p.m.: Patient transfer at the airport.

3:43 p.m.: Patient transfer at the airport.

Oct. 17

8:34 a.m.: Responded to valley View Assisted Living for a 79-year-old female with a leg contusion.

12:37 pm.: Responded to valley View Assisted Living for a 79-year-old female with a medical problem.

3:15 p.m.: Responded to Valley View Assisted Living for a patient transport.

4:20 p.m.: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park for a lift assist.

8:38 p.m.: Responded to Southwest Brent Avenue for a 60-year-old female who was partially conscious.

Oct. 18

8:23 a.m.: Responded to Southeast Dayton Street for a 64-year-old male with fluid in the stomach.

Oct. 19

2:56 p.m.: Responded to Eastside Lane for a lift assist.

Prairie City Ambulance

Oct. 16
7:45 p.m.: Dispatched to Blue Mountain Care Center for a 69-year-old female who was non-responsive. John Day Ambulance also responded.

Long Creek Fire

Monument Fire

Oct. 14
15:03 p.m.: Responded to grass fire at Highway 402.

15:07 p.m.: Responded to grass fire at Manny Neal Road.

Dayville Fire

Oct. 18
4:01 p.m.: Dispatched to Owens Street for a male subject with chest pains. John day Ambulance also responded.

Oregon State Police

Oct. 15
10:53 a.m.: Report of cattle on road, Highway 26, milepost 135.

11:37 a.m.: Injured deer dispatched at Seventh Street, John Day.

1:54 p.m.: Advised of cattle on US 395, milepost 68.

Oct. 16
3:29 p.m.: Advised of a driving complaint on Highway 26, milepost 77.

Oct. 18
6:58 p.m.: Advised of a non-injury accident on Highway 26 near milepost 162.

7:25 p.m.: Advised of a vehicle vs. deer accident on Highway 395 South near milepost 17B.

U.S. Forest Service

Oct. 15
11:50 a.m.: Responded to report of forest fire at Indian Rock Lookout.

Oct. 19
4:46 p.m.: Responded to Highway 395 South at Izee-Paulina Highway for a report of a grass fire.

4:58 p.m.: Advised of a grass fire at Highway 395 South and Izee-Paulina Highway.

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