

Man gets life for killing mother

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The Bulletin

MADRAS — A Jefferson County Circuit judge found Gavin Smith-Brown guilty of second-degree murder in the 2018 killing of his mother.

The Oct. 7 ruling came after Smith-Brown, 34, waived his constitutional right to a jury trial.

A state health official conducted a psychological evaluation on Smith-Brown, diagnosing him with schizophrenia. Jefferson County Circuit Judge

Annette C. Hillman ruled Smith-Brown "guilty except for insanity," and gave him a life sentence in the Oregon State Hospital.

The ruling ends a long case that saw Smith-Brown shipped back and forth between the state hospital and the Jefferson County jail as authorities waited for officials to decide if he could assist in his own defense.

In June 2018, Smith-Brown killed his mother, Gayla Smith, a 65-year-old retired former California police officer.



Smith **Smith-Brown**

Neighbors found Smith wrapped in bloody blankets on June 3, and authorities believe she was killed with a crowbar.

Smith was found in the garage in her home in Crooked River Ranch, where her son, Smith-Brown, had lived with her for years. She had told

neighbors that she had been fearful of her son.

Smith-Brown left Crooked River Ranch in his mother's Subaru Outback and was arrested outside a Tualatin McDonald's.

Smith-Brown is now under the lifetime supervision of the state's psychiatric security review board. The court has ruled that Smith-Brown "presents a substantial danger to others and is not a proper subject for conditional release at this time," according to court documents.

Jefferson County District Attorney Steve Leriche said Tuesday that if the state deems Smith-Brown to be safe at a later date, it's possible he could be considered for conditional release while remaining under the supervision of the psychiatric security review board.

Leriche said he hopes the public remembers Smith, who he described as beloved in her Crooked River Ranch community. During the case, Leriche spoke with neighbors who trusted Smith, building a gate

between their yards so their child could pass through and see her, the district attorney said.

Leriche also said he hopes the case will serve as a reminder for the public in supporting their loved ones in seeking mental health care, pointing to Smith-Brown's condition.

"It starts at home," he said, adding that he was unaware of other instances where Smith-Brown has acted violently. "We gotta help the people who are close to us."

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

Circuit Court Oct. 25

Abigail Frances Mobley, 38, of Ontario pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. Mobley was sentenced to 15 days of jail time with credit for time served and 18 months of bench probation. Mobley's driver's license was suspended for one year and she was fined \$2,000. As conditions of probation, she was ordered to complete the Victim Impact Panel program, obtain a substance abuse evaluation and complete all recommended treatment, refrain from using intoxicants and install an ignition interlock device in her vehicle.

Oregon State Police Oct. 19

11:04 p.m.: Vehicle stopped near milepost 175 on Highway 26. Driver made trooper aware of information pertinent to a Grant County Sheriff's Office reckless burning investigation earlier in the day that led to the arrest of an adult male. Information forwarded to sheriff's office.

Oct. 21

8:57 p.m.: A driver headed south on US Highway 395B near milepost 76 struck a cow while traveling 55 miles per hour. The driver was uninjured and the cow was visibly injured yet able to walk. The cow's owner was advised and declined to pursue an insurance claim against the driver.

Oct. 24

9:05 a.m.: A driver contacted OSP advising that he'd struck a deer about an hour prior. The

vehicle was drivable and the driver left the scene. The deer was removed from the roadway and the driver was provided with a case number.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week ending Oct. 26, 2022:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 11
- Average inmates: 10
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 9
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 5
- Fingerprints: 5
- Civil papers: 24
- Warrants processed: 2
- Assist/welfare check: 1
- Search and rescue: 0

• Arrests and citations

Mathew Walker, 39, of John Day was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

Nicholas Mobley, 28, of Renton, Washington, was cited for driving while suspended.

Bruce Waring, 70, of Lincoln City was warned for careless driving.

Aaron Lamb, 47, of Drain was cited for driving while suspended.

Shawn Kelso, 51, of Boise was cited for violating the basic rule, 80/55 zone.

Dispatch

Grant County dispatch worked 145 calls during the week ending Oct. 26, 2022, including:

• Grant County Sheriff

Oct. 19

5:16 p.m.: Advised of a grass fire on Bear Gulch Road.

Oct. 20

1:43 p.m.: Advised of a driving complaint on County Road 62.
2:13 p.m.: Advised of a fraud report.

2:57 p.m.: Responded to a report of suspicious circumstances at Blue Gulch.

3:00 p.m.: Advised of a parking complaint at Len's Pharmacy.

4:46 p.m.: Responded to South Washington Street in Prairie City for a welfare check.

4:57 p.m.: Responded to a report of a dispute at Humboldt Elementary School in Canyon City.

6:53 p.m.: Advised of an animal complaint on Canyon Creek Lane, Canyon City.

7:54 p.m.: Investigated a civil dispute between a landlord and tenant on Bridge Street, John Day.

Oct. 21

5:21 a.m.: Investigated an injury accident with OSP on Izee-Paulina Highway.

4:38 p.m.: Traffic stop on Highway 26 near milepost 151. Shawn Allen Kelso, 51, of Boise cited for violating the basic rule, 80/55 zone.

4:55 p.m.: Responded to a report of fraud on West Main Street, John Day.

11:19 p.m.: Responded to a report of a prowler on Northwest Third Avenue, John Day. OSP assisted.

Oct. 22

1:45 p.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 26 near milepost 157. Aaron George Lamb, 47, of Drain cited for driving without insurance.

Oct. 23

12:30 p.m.: Livestock complaint/road hazard on Highway 26 near milepost 173.

1:12 p.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 395 near milepost 1C, John Day. Nicholas Mobley, 28, of Renton, Washington, was cited for driving while suspended.

1:20 p.m.: Report of a suspicious subject on South Canyon Boulevard, John Day.

2:50 p.m.: Welfare check on

West Franklin Street, Dayville.

5:03 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in Long Creek.

5:08 p.m.: Dispatched with John Day Ambulance to Meadowbrook Apartments, John Day, for an unresponsive woman.

Oct. 24

1:24 a.m.: Responded with OSP to a 911 call with nobody speaking on Reynolds Drive, Prairie City. Jesse Cole Rigel, 37, of Prairie City was arrested for domestic assault.

11:23 a.m.: Report of an overdue motorist on River Estates Lane.

12:42 p.m.: Report of a cat caught in a vehicle door at NAPA Auto Parts, John Day.

4:08 p.m.: Trespass complaint at Dollar General, John Day.

5:30 p.m.: Livestock complaint on Highway 26, near milepost 137.

Oct. 25

8:12 a.m.: Report of a vehicle that ran off the road and needed a tow at the junction of Forest Service Roads 10 and 45.

10:46 a.m.: Report of fraud on West Main Street, John Day.

3:11 p.m.: Responded to a bank alarm at Old West Federal Credit Union, John Day. Unfounded, false alarm.

4:09 p.m.: Report of a vehicle parked and blocking a Forest Service road at Kelsey Butte.

8:13 p.m.: Investigated a domestic dispute with OSP at a self-storage facility on Southeast Hillcrest Road, John Day.

8:33 p.m.: Advised of a possible DUI on Highway 26, near milepost 176.

11:37 p.m.: Advised of a burglar alarm on Highway 26.

11:43 p.m.: Advised of a hydrant problem at Grant Union High School, John Day.

11:56 p.m.: Removed a dead deer from the highway on Highway 26, near milepost 160.

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Oct. 26

9:41 a.m.: Responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle on County Road 18.

11:24 p.m.: Responded to a report of fraud at the DMV office, John Day.

1:34 p.m.: Advised of an injured cow at Four Corners.

5:01 p.m.: Advised of a parked vehicle on County Road 18. County road is closed.

• Oregon State Police

Oct. 21

7:02 a.m.: Dispatched an injured deer on Highway 26, near milepost 161.

11:12 a.m.: Advised of cows on Highway 26 near milepost 168.

• Prairie City Ambulance

Oct. 21

11:56 a.m.: Ambulance transport to Boise.

• John Day Ambulance

Oct. 20

2:42 a.m.: Transported a patient to Blue Mountain Hospital from Silvers Lane.

5:45 p.m.: Ambulance transport from Blue Mountain Care Center.

Oct. 21

1:33 a.m.: Transported one to Blue Mountain Hospital from South Main Street, Prairie City.

8:59 a.m.: Responded with Prairie City Ambulance to an 83-year-old female who fell at Blue Mountain Care Center.

2:55 p.m.: Ambulance transport from Blue Mountain Care Center.

3:58 p.m.: Responded to an 83-year-old man with a distended stomach and fever on West Third Street, Prairie City.

9:08 p.m.: Patient transfer at the airport.

Oct. 22

12:35 p.m.: Responded to an 87-year-old male with a medical equipment issue at

Valley View Assisted Living.

1:01 p.m.: Responded to a 79-year-old female with an injury at Valley View Assisted Living.

Oct. 23.

10:47 a.m.: Dispatched for a female subject with chest pains on La Costa Avenue.

Oct. 25

10:33 a.m.: Dispatched for a 66-year-old female with intense stomach pains and difficulty breathing on West Main Street.

• Long Creek Ambulance

Oct. 22

12:38 p.m.: Responded to a 75-year-old woman with severe leg pain on North Highway 395.

• Seneca Ambulance

Oct. 26

1:03 p.m.: Responded with John Day Ambulance to a 69-year-old woman with leg pain on Park Avenue.

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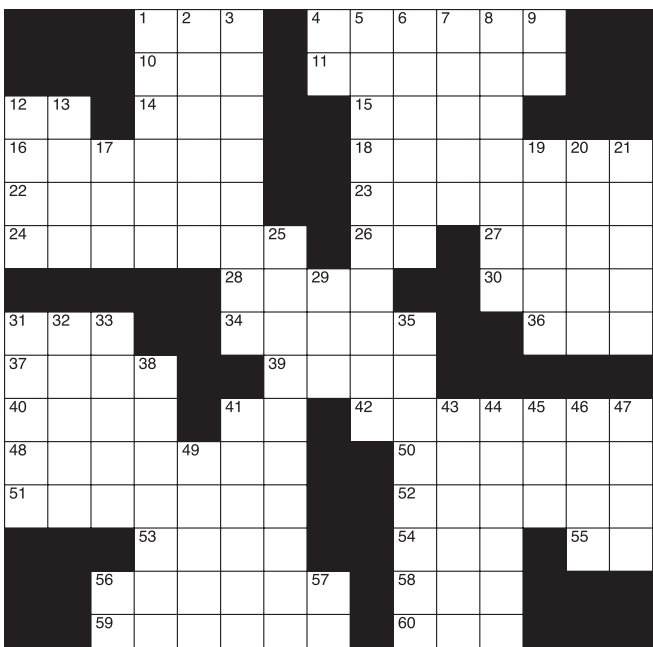
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TICKET TO PARADISE (PG-13)
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Sunday 1:15, 4:15, 7:15
Mon-Thurs 7:15

BLACK ADAM (PG-13)
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Saturday 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35
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Coffee Break!



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. The central bank of the US
 4. Direct one's ambitions
 10. Only
 11. "Nothing ventured, nothing ..."
 12. Lead
 14. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
 15. Indicates the pitch of notes
 16. Set up to blame
 18. States of rest
 22. Complete
 23. Be around longer than
 24. Instructs
 26. Childless (abbr.)
 27. Coffee machines do it
 28. Bowfin
 30. A group separate from established Church
 31. Soviet Socialist Republic
 34. Mends with a needle
 36. When you hope to get there
 37. Popular 80's pop duo
 39. Beloved Mexican dish
 40. Extremely small amount
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Colorless volatile acid
 2. A way to tangle
 3. Jam rock band devotee
 4. The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.)
 5. Inviolable
 6. Collision
 7. Clumsy
 8. Bends again
 9. "Pollock" actor Harris
 12. Flew off!
 13. Soft creamy white cheese
- CLUES ACROSS**
17. Comedienne Gasteyer
 19. Exclamation used for emphasis
 20. Expel from one's property
 21. Philly transit body
 25. Small amount of something
 29. Retirement account
 31. Holey type of cheese
 32. Young pig
 33. Climbing palm
 35. Discomfort
 38. Bullfighter
 41. High-level computer language
 43. Fleshy extensions above the throat
 44. Rebound
 45. Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)
 46. Bruce and Spike are two
 47. Precipice
 49. Wombs
 56. A radio band
 57. Emphasizes an amount

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to men's health.

CRENCA

Guess Who?

I am a musician born in New Jersey on November 5, 1987. I am part of a successful trio of brothers who burst on the scene after making an appearance on "Hannah Montana."

I play lead guitar for the band, which still produces hits today.

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to November. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = A)

A. 26 18 12
Clue: Adult male human being

B. 16 25 18 19 11 16
Clue: Well-being

C. 18 5 18 3 25 12 25 15 15
Clue: Cogizance

D. 15 10 24 24 2 3 11
Clue: Assistance



Puzzle solutions can be found in today's classifieds

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

MEN'S HEALTH WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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| ANNUAL | DIAGNOSE | Moustache | SCREENING |
| ASSIST | DIAGNOSIS | NOVEMBER | SYMPTOMS |
| AWARENESS | DOCTOR | PHYSICAL | TESTING |
| CANCER | FUNDRAISER | PROSTATE | THERAPY |
| CAUSE | HEALTH | RESEARCH | |
| | MENTAL | RISK | |