

Public safety calls

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- Speeding, 8:19 a.m. March 9, location not given. After officer smelled marijuana in car, minor driver was given field sobriety tests and failed. He was booked at Clatsop County Jail for driving under the influence of intoxicants and cited for going 75 in a 55 mph zone and having no insurance. Two passengers were cited for being minors in possession of marijuana.
- Equipment violation, 2:29 p.m. March 10, Highway 202 south of Tapiola Park, Astoria. James George Walters, 49, of Astoria was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants and cited for having no operator's license. (OSP)

FIRE AND SERVICE CALLS

- Live power line onto road, 7:59 a.m. March 7, Highway 101 Business just north of Old Youngs Bay Bridge. Highway closed for more than an hour. (OSP)
- Carbon monoxide alarm, 9:02 p.m. March 9, 700 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

MEDICAL CALLS

- Emergency patient arriving by helicopter, 5:26 p.m. March 4, Coast Guard Station Astoria.
- Diabetic emergency, 8:30 p.m. March 4, 200 block Southwest Alder Avenue.
- Difficulty breathing, 10:23 a.m. March 6, 100 block south Highway 101.
- Heart issues, 3:45 p.m. March 7, 1600 block Ensign Lane.
- Chest pain, 8:36 p.m. March 7, 800 block Pacific Drive, Hammond.
- Unconscious person, 9:05 a.m. March 8, 33200 block Sunset Beach Lane.
- Issues with high blood pressure, 11:49 p.m. March 8, 100 block Northwest Fourth Street.
- Possible stroke, 12:16 p.m. March 9, 1100 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.
- Diabetic issues, 5:19 p.m. March 9, 500 block Date Avenue.
- Difficulty breathing, 8:02 p.m. March 9, 33100 block Oregon Lane.

Five arts groups with local ties win state grants

Small grants that can make a big difference in ensuring residents have access to the arts have been awarded to 101 organizations statewide by the Oregon Arts Commission.

Five of those groups are based in or have ties to Clatsop County.

They are Astoria Arts and Movement Center, Astoria Visual Arts,



A class poses while taking a break at Astoria Arts and Movement Center.

Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita, North Coast

Chorale, and 45th Parallel of Portland, which has been lending musicians and performing this year at the Liberty Theatre.

The small operating grants are designed to provide operating support to groups with budgets under \$150,000.

Eligibility is limited to established non-profit groups that provide

ongoing, sustained artistic programming and outreach programs.

Each organization received \$1,494.

"This grant program was developed to increase the Arts Commission's support of Oregon's small arts providers," Arts Commission Chair Anne Taylor said.

"These organizations frequently represent the only arts presenter for remote and underserved regions of the state," she said.

Man pleads not guilty to 11 charges after downtown pursuit

The Columbia Press

The man who led officers on a high-speed chase through downtown Warrenton on Feb. 29 pleaded not guilty to numerous charges this week.

Cody Alexander Arnett, 27, of Vancouver was arrested after a manhunt around the Premierq Center and Shilo Inn.

According to police reports and court documents, Arnett and a woman who was with him both were driving vehicles stolen from the Vancouver area. At some point, while Arnett was driving a white Audi and the woman was driving a Ford Explorer, a communication between them prompted a witness near the KOA campground on Ridge Road to call police to report a case of road rage.

Arnett was swerving toward the SUV as if he were trying to run her down. When officers arrived, she was near Parkview Apartments and the Audi was stopped beside her. She got into his vehicle and he sped away as police arrived.

"I was approaching from the south and observed a

male subject run to the driver's door and a female jump into the right front passenger seat," Sgt. Jim Pierce wrote in a probable cause declaration. "I turned my patrol car broadside as the male driver ... attempted to ram the side of my patrol vehicle."

A chase ensued through downtown. A woman headed south on Main Avenue near the high school told police the white Audi came at her vehicle in her lane, nearly striking her head-on and forcing her to swerve quickly, according to a court document.

The Audi continued north on Main then headed toward Highway 101 along Harbor Drive, where police lost sight of him. A short time later, a sheriff's deputy

spotted the car parked at Shilo Inn. A clerk said the couple came in and rented a room, but took off running down the hall before she could give them a key, according to the declaration.

The woman was found hiding in a hallway off the lobby and told officers Arnett was her boyfriend and she was afraid

of him, which is why she got in the car. She claimed to have no knowledge of the stolen Ford Explorer. Yet a witness had snapped a photo of her inside the vehicle when the road rage incident first began.

The Ford had been stolen the previous day from a business in Vancouver. A man slipped into the back room at Party City and stole the purses of two female employees, according to a police report. He used the keys from one of them to steal the SUV.

The white Audi had been stolen off the lot at REV Motors in Beaverton.

Arnett has been charged with six counts of recklessly endangering others, two counts of auto theft, fleeing/attempting to elude police, reckless driving and attempting to commit a Class A felony. He pleaded not guilty to all charges during an arraignment Monday.

The name of the woman has been withheld pending issuance of a warrant for her arrest.



Arnett

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