

Public safety calls

WARRANTS

•Warrant served, 3:07 a.m. Oct. 15, 600 block East Harbor Avenue. Karac D. Anderson, 31, of Astoria was arrested on warrants issued by Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and Umatilla County.

•Warrant served, 11:19 p.m. Oct. 15, Southwest Second Street and Alder Avenue. Krysta N. Schluter, 24, no known address, was arrested on a detainer warrant issued by the Clatsop County Jail.

•Warrant served, 11 p.m. Oct. 17, 400 block West Marine Drive, Astoria. Jimmy L. Nickell, 46, of Longview, Wash., was arrested on a failure-to-appear warrant issued by Warrenton Municipal Court.

THEFTS AND BURGLARIES

•Attempted theft, 8:10 a.m. Sept. 30, Tractor Supply. Workers reported a barbecue valued at \$450 was damaged.

•Employee theft, 6:33 p.m. Oct. 8, Fred Meyer. Evan Kimbrough, 19, of Warrenton was cited for third-degree theft after he allegedly was spotted on surveillance cameras taking \$65

in food items.

•Stolen bicycle, 5:30 p.m. Oct. 11, 1300 block South Main Avenue. Marcus L. Journot, 31, no known address, was arrested on suspicion of theft after he was spotted by a police officer riding the bike.

•Shoplifting, 5:25 p.m. Oct. 12, Walmart. Rosa M. Gomez-Godinez, 32, and Marco A. Trapala Gomez, 37, both of Salem, were cited for second-degree theft after they allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for \$577 in clothes, backpacks and bags, and auto accessories. Gomez-Godinez also was cited for possession of methamphetamine and a failure-to-appear warrant from Hillsboro.

•Shoplifting, 12:15 p.m. Oct. 14, Walmart. Jennifer Van-Gundy, 39, of Astoria was cited for third-degree theft after she allegedly attempted to return clothing items that had been stolen earlier in the month.

•Vehicle burglary, 5:28 p.m. Oct. 17, 1700 block Ensign Lane. A man reported metal car ramps and a toolbox were stolen from his vehicle.

•Shoplifting, 6:35 p.m. Oct. 17, Walmart. Derrick R. Maxhimer, 33, of Astoria was cited for second-degree theft after he allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for \$328 in groceries, camping gear and auto accessories.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES AND DISTURBANCES

•Trespassing, 7:10 p.m. Oct. 14, Walmart. Misty Monson, 48, no known address, was cited for criminal trespassing after she returned to the store from which she'd previously been trespassed.

•Death threats, 8:04 p.m. Oct. 16, Verizon Store. A man came into the store to get a PIN number for a non-Verizon phone and when employees told him they couldn't provide one, he threatened to return and kill everyone in the store.

•Rifle misfire, 12:45 p.m. Oct. 17, 1400 block Honeysuckle Loop. A man reported an accidental misfire of his rifle, with no injuries.

•Motorcycle theft, 2:13 p.m. Oct. 18, 0-100 block Northeast First

Street. A man reported he'd allowed someone to test drive his motorcycle and the subject never returned.

TRAFFIC

•Two-vehicle collision, no injuries, 7:32 p.m. Oct. 6, Southeast Marlin Avenue at Second Street. One driver was cited for following too closely.

•Hit-and-run, 8:18 p.m. Oct. 9, Honeysuckle Loop at Willow Drive. Mason Leanne Watkins, 27, of Warrenton was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants and hit-and-run with property damage after she struck a parked utility trailer.

•Speeding, 9:05 p.m. Oct. 11, Pacific Drive at Gray Street. Driver cited for going 64 in a 35 mph zone.

•Traffic stop, 8:35 p.m. Oct. 13, near Fred Meyer. Driver cited for driving while suspended and failing to install and ignition interlock device.

•Speeding, 7:27 a.m. Oct. 15, Ridge Road at Ninth Street. Driver cited for going 66 in a 45

mph zone and for failure to carry proof of insurance.

•Three-vehicle collision, no injuries, 10:45 a.m. Oct. 15, 1600 block Ensign Lane. One driver cited for driving while suspended and having no insurance.

•Hit-and-run into fence, 6:12 p.m. Oct. 15, Warrenton Soccer Field.

•Speeding, 8:08 a.m. Oct. 18, Ridge Road near soccer fields. Driver cited for going 66 in a 45 mph zone.

•Two-vehicle collision with possible injuries, 3:15 p.m. Oct. 18, Ensign Lane at 19th Street. One driver cited for failing to obey a traffic-control device.

•Traffic stop, 2:45 a.m. Oct. 18, Southwest Ninth Street at Southwest Juniper Avenue. Driver cited for driving while suspended.

FIRES AND SERVICE CALLS

•Alarm sounding, 3:15 a.m. Oct. 14, Ocean Crest Chevrolet. No problem found.

•Alarm sounding, 11:13 p.m. Oct. 18, L&D Race Tech. No problem found.

Otters: Much to consider in reintroduction

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ty residents rely on for their livelihoods. And the state's most profitable fishery, the Dungeness crab, could take a hit.

Most Dungeness, however, live deeper than the shallow-diving sea otters tend to venture, Zwartjes said.

Otters also like sea urchins, which have no major predator without the otter and are munching their way through Oregon's underwater kelp forests.

"I think we'd be delighted to see these animals return to a habitat they got hunted out of," Port of Astoria Commissioner Robert Stevens said. "On the other hand, we are a fishing community and our constituents would want us

to take a hard look at this."

Zwartjes spoke to port commissioners about the project Tuesday afternoon and acknowledged the pros and cons.

While they won't eat salmon, as the sea lions do, otters could move into estuaries, she said. They could make an impact on oysters and the crab.

"We are recommending a very vigorous assessment before any action moves forward," Zwartjes said.

Port Commissioner Dirk Rohne was especially worried about the crab.

"Sea lions on the Lower Columbia River have become somewhat of a menace. ... They're kind of out of control," Rohne said. "We could

be inviting disaster, potentially."

Sea otters on the West Coast were hunted nearly to extinction as part of the fur trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. Small populations survived off the coasts of central California and western Alaska.

The mammals were successfully reintroduced to Washington, Canada and southeast Alaska about 50 years ago, but there was little success in Oregon.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife is tasked with determining the biological, legal and socioeconomic impacts in a report due by Dec. 31. Scientists and politicians will have a chance to review the report before any decisions are made on otter reintroduction to Oregon.

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