

Boardman man sentenced to prison for sex abuse of children

Justin Jay Shelton, 29, of Boardman was sentenced June 28 in Morrow County Circuit Court to serve 150 months prison on four counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree. Shelton, a former Boardman Emergency Services volunteer, was convicted by Judge Garry Reynolds on June 23, 2005, after he found Shelton guilty of sexually abusing two minor children aged six and three during the years 2002 - 2004.

Sexual Abuse in the First Degree is a Measure Eleven offense. Each conviction carried a mandatory minimum sentence of 75 months. Two of the convictions were ordered to be run consecutive to get the 150 month sentence. Under Measure Eleven's truth in sentencing provisions, Shelton will serve every day of the 150 months sentence with no possibility of early release or good time credit.

Morrow County Deputy District Attorney, Elizabeth Ballard, was pleased with the sentence. "The breach of trust and nature of the abuse in this case was heartbreaking. We believed each victim deserved their own justice. Judge Reynolds acknowledged each victim was precious and by running the 75 month sentences consecutively he sent a message to these young victims that the defendant is being held accountable for the acts that he committed against each of them. It is reassuring to know that one of the victims will be over the age of 18 when this sex offender is released from prison and the other will be just a couple of years shy."

The case highlighted a recent dramatic shift in the law surrounding the use of hearsay evidence in criminal trials nationwide. David C. Allen, Morrow County District Attorney said, "Because of the decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court in Crawford v. Washington, the state was not allowed to use the child's statements to others (hearsay) without the defendant having an opportunity to confront her in court. In this case, the six year old victim had to face her abuser in open court and testify regarding her abuse. I am very proud of her bravery and honesty. My office will continue to work with both victims in our effort to ensure their continued safety."

Sheriff's Report

Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that he was hit by another truck while turning into a nursery. There was quite a bit of damage to the vehicle but it was a non-injury accident. Fidel Anguiano Mejia, 25, was cited for Careless Driving.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a snake in the caller's residence.

MCSO received a request for information from a caller in Lexington regarding bow practice/shooting in a yard.

MCSO received a report of a camp trailer on Corps of Engineers' property; the subjects were given a specific time to vacate.

MCSO received a hang-up 911 call from a residence in Irrigon; a babysitter advised a child was playing on the phone.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that he believes someone abused his dog while he was out of town.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner of garbage all over Willow Creek Road; the caller requested deputy contact.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that someone broke into his store.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Umatilla that a female subject was making prank calls again.

June 27: Boardman Police Dept. assisted Boardman ambulance with a call in Boardman. A 65-year-old female with a history of pneumonia was having trouble breathing. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of subjects camping in an unauthorized area.

another vehicle was parked by the first one. A deputy was requested to check on the vehicles.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner of the theft of his motorcycle; caller said he knows who stole it.

MCSO received a request for a records check from US Investigations on two male subjects. Results were faxed.

MCSO received a hang-up 911 call from a payphone in Heppner. There was no answer on call-back.

MCSO received a request for a deputy contact from a caller in Heppner to contact a male subject who almost hit the caller when he ran a stop sign.

MCSO deputy served a Restraining Order to Kirk Alan Looslie, 30, Heppner.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a female subject was trespassing. Fawn Elizabeth Ironbear, 23, was arrested for Criminal Trespass II and on a Spokane Police Dept. warrant for Assault. She was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a bicycle stolen from Bake's Restaurant.

June 29: Boardman Police and Fire depts. received a report from a caller in Boardman of a car on fire; the caller could see flames from underneath the tires. The caller said everyone was out of the vehicle but they were trying to turn it off.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of two male subjects on Tower Road overpass who were pointing bows and arrows.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report of an assault that had just occurred in Boardman; a subject was hit with a metal pipe.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman that fireworks are being deployed and are disturbing his dog.

MCSO deputy arrested Travis L. Grigsby, 25, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. He was also arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while License Suspended. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on an UCSO warrant with holds placed for Morrow County.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a window was broken sometime between the previous day and the time of the call. The caller stated it looked like rocks were thrown at the window and a 4x4 was smashed through it.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Lexington that a male subject came to the residence and took a vehicle, violating his restraining order. The male subject told another subject he was going to take the vehicle since "it was his anyways." The caller wanted information on how to get her stuff out of it with the restraining order in place.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a bicycle found on her property last night.

MCSO received a report from a caller that a vehicle was run off the road and possibly had a broken axle. No one was hurt but a tow was needed.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon

that her ex-boyfriend threw a rock and broke the window of her vehicle.

June 30: Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Seth Thomas Wheeler, 27, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while License Suspended. He was cited and released to appear.

Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Javier Ortiz Martinez, 35, for No Operator's License and Driving Uninsured.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of a suspicious male walking up and down the street.

Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Guillermo Ermelindo Castro, 38, for Driving while License Suspended I and No Insurance.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of a trespass in progress at a trailer park.

MCSO deputy arrested Toby Dale Rodriguez, 34, for Driving while License Suspended Misdemeanor. He was cited and released to appear.

MCSO deputy arrested Kevin Lee Norton, 28, and Jamie Barnett, 21, on Parole and Probation Detention warrants. They were lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

MCSO received a report from a caller of a vehicle that was stripped on Poleline Rd..

MCSO received a report of a possible oil spill at the junction of Highway 730/I-84. The report was relayed to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

MCSO received a walk-in report from a subject of property stolen in Ione.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a moving company caused problems and was asked to leave but refused.

MCSO received a report of a suspicious male walking up and down the street in Boardman..

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of two juveniles trespassing.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a female subject was just assaulted at her residence. A subject left in a green vehicle with a missing back window.

Boardman ambulance received a report from a caller in Boardman that a male subject fell out of a van.

July 1: Boardman Police Dept. received a request for contact from a caller in Boardman regarding the subjects that were in her yard.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of a possible MIP party.

Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Mathew George Ferguson, 21, for Driving while License Suspended Violation and No Insurance.

Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Jamie Mendoza Garcia, 37, for DUII (BAC .11). Mendoza was cited and released to appear.

Heppner Fire Dept. received a report from a caller in Heppner of a brush fire in the middle of town.

Heppner Fire Dept. received a report from a caller in Heppner of an illegal burn behind a residence.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that they were burning at a location in

Heppner and were worried about it getting away.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a subject who has a restraining order against her just called the caller.

MCSO received a report from a caller of a fraudulent credit card issuance and usage in the caller's name since 2003.

MCSO deputy delivered a restraining order to a female subject.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a hoop in the road being used by kids at all hours.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Lexington that a male subject was at her motorhome and wouldn't leave.

MCSO deputy arrested Charlie Shane McElroy, 35, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/DUII.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her ex-husband was physically abusing her. The subject threw rocks at her and hit her in the wrist and was also throwing rocks at her vehicle. It was determined to be a verbal disturbance.

MCSO deputy cited Wesley Aaron Hendren, 27, for No Valid Operator's License.

MCSO deputy arrested a subject for DUII Refusal and Refusal Breath Test. He was cited and released to appear.

July 2: Irrigon Fire Dept. received a request for information from a subject regarding fireworks restrictions in Irrigon where he is going to visit his sister.

Irrigon ambulance received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a female subject experiencing severe abdominal pain and trouble breathing.

Boardman ambulance received a report from a caller in Boardman of a male subject with severe back and groin pain. Boardman Police Dept. assisted with the call. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Ernesto Jimenez Espino, 35, for Driving while License Suspended Misdemeanor. He was cited and released to appear.

Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Roman Chavez Aguilar, 45, for DUII (BAC .17), and cited for No Operator's License and Driving Uninsured.

Boardman Police Dept. received a hang-up 911 call from a caller in Boardman. On call back, the subject said everything was okay and no one dialed 911. An officer advised all was okay at the residence.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman that a realtor was attempting to get into a vacant house with a screwdriver. It was determined the realty agency has possession of the house.

Boardman Police Dept. received reports from a caller in Boardman of a hearing a shot fired and possibly two more.

Boardman Police Dept. officer cited a subject for Driving while License Suspended Violation, a consent search was refused. The vehicle was impounded.

Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Pablo Garcia Cisneros, 29, on an UCSO warrant for Assault IV, Strangulation, Menacing and Harassment. He was

lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

Boardman Police Dept. officer cited a male juvenile for No Operator's License and No Insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman who heard that there were four male juveniles possibly causing trouble near an old business. An officer was unable to locate the juveniles.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a possible drunk driver; the vehicle was going from one side of the road to another.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that a male subject told another subject to pass on a threat to the caller.

MCSO received a hang-up 911 call from a location in Heppner. It was determined to be a child playing on the phone.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a vehicle was driving down the middle of Highway 730 at about 25 mph and with no lights on. It was determined the alternator had gone out and they already called for help.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of an adult male missing for the last 2-1/2 hours at the river. The subject was found by deputies.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that she was being verbally threatened.

June 3: Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Gerardo Diaz Jimenez, 22, for DUII. He was cited and released to appear. MCSO deputy assisted with the traffic stop.

Boardman Police Dept. assisted MCSO with a domestic call in Irrigon.

Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of juveniles setting off what sounds like pipe bombs.

Boardman Police Dept. received a request for an officer contact from a caller in Boardman regarding fireworks; they just put out a small fire on their property and wanted to talk to an officer about it.

Irrigon ambulance received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a subject with severe abdominal pain and bleeding.

MCSO deputy assisted a female subject in Heppner to find her aunt's residence.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a domestic situation in progress between a male and female, with children involved. It was determined to be a verbal dispute only.

MCSO received a report from Irrigon of a female walking in a ditch.

MCSO received a request for a welfare check on a female subject in Irrigon who was in an abusive relationship. The caller was unable to make contact with the subject after her call one hour previously.

MCSO received numerous reports that a multiple number of people were jumping off the elevators on Patterson Ferry into the water. Citations were issued to at least five juvenile males and three juvenile females for Criminal Trespass.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of several male subjects in a vehicle with possible shots fired and three other subjects taking off down the street.