

County purchases 'Burner Breaker' phone hacking system

Sheriff's Dept. to use in gathering digital evidence

By David Sykes

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department is purchasing a \$12,995 cell phone extraction system that will allow officers to open locked phones and computers to extract evidence in criminal cases, it was announced at a recent county commission meeting. The county received a \$4,000 grant so the system will end up costing the county \$8,995, plus a yearly \$1,995 software updating fee.

In asking the commission for funds to purchase the equipment and software, called the Burner Breaker, District Attorney Justin Nelson said the equipment will be very useful in criminal cases because so many phones now have evidence such as photos, text messages and other data locked inside. He

said a warrant is necessary before law enforcement can use the equipment.

Currently phones gathered in criminal cases can be opened, but they have to go to the Pendleton Crime Lab and depending on workload there can take some time to get information back, which can hinder law enforcement in investigations.

Undersheriff John Bowles told the commissioners the sheriff's department would share the equipment with the Boardman Police Department, so both could use the forensic equipment. According to the equipment literature, the software "supports data acquisition on over 14,000 phones, tablets and devices." It can acquire, analyze and report on what is found in the phone and device. It can also access images

and deleted data as well as information recovered from browser history and data directly from cloud applications such as Facebook, Twitter, Dropbox, Yahoo, iCloud and more. The hardware can also crack prepaid throw away phones, something that was not possible with previous phone hacking systems. Two law enforcement officers will be trained in how to use the equipment.

Commissioner Melissa Lindsay was concerned the equipment might become obsolete quickly. "Everyone has top of the line phones now," she said. "They get a very expensive phone before they pay to put food on the table and for the rent. How long before our technology is out of date?" she asked. "It's an arms race," said Commissioner Jim Doherty. "Ev-

eryone is racing to put out the best phones to people. But if the DA says we need it I'm for it," he said. The commission went on to vote in favor of the purchase using contingency funds.

In other business at its January 17 meeting the commission heard that a property tax refund of \$40,448 has been sent to Sage Hollow Ranch. The taxes were adjusted following a change in how farm equipment depreciation was calculated.

The Commission heard from Rex Baker of the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEOCD) who handles the county's equity loan fund. Baker asked that a 10-year loan of \$100,000 be approved to the Morrow County Health District to help purchase a building in Boardman to house Home

Health and a new pharmacy to be operated by Murray's Drug. Baker said the health district already had commitments of \$175,000 from the Bank of Eastern Oregon and \$100,000 of its own money to complete the \$375,000 purchase.

Baker said the health district met all the requirements of the equity fund, including employment requirements and financial liquidity. The Health District has already made three other loans from the equity fund, and is in good standing on all of them. The commission first voted to approve the 10-year loan, and then voted on an interest rate. A motion to approve 1.5 percent interest passed 2-1 with Commissioner Don Russell voting against. Russell said he thought the interest rate should have been 2 percent. "The inter-



New equipment will be able to open locked phones for evidence.

est rates have been trending up since the past loans," he said. "We are not trying to make money here. This is a good thing (the new district services in Boardman) and we are trying to help out," said Commissioner Lindsay.

In other business the county voted to bring back team building expert David Rabiner for another session with county employees. It would be a full day exercise and costs \$5,500.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has released the following information:

December 25: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Rhea Creek Rd/Morter Ln, Ione that Milky Way truck heading to JVB dairy stopped to use the rest room. Tried to move truck back to get momentum but truck slid and got stuck. RP advised he just needs help moving vehicle.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a Dodge pickup two door short box white in color came off Tenth St around the corner. RP came out the tell them to slow down and the truck stopped and was going to spin its tires. Unable to get plate as it was full of snow.

-MCSO received a report on NE Third St, Irrigon that a black small car similar to an Acura that travels south on Third from Washington to Hwy 730 everyday around 720 am speeds and wants the driver contacted and slowed down.

-MCSO received a report at Columbia River Ranch on Kunze Ln, Boardman that a resident has broken a chair and is charging after the staff. MCSO responded and the subject was lodged at UCJ, \$16,000 bail.

-MCSO received a report on N E St, Lexington that two dogs are chasing cows.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a blue Dodge Durango is parked halfway into the traffic lane. Advised that vehicles can get around it as long as there are no other cars coming.

-MCSO received a report on Lewis and Clark Dr, Boardman that she is concerned that her daughter was overdue, should have been off work at 0630.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a black Chevy Trailblazer was doing sideways punches then ran two stop signs and proceeded down Seventh.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a maroon Chevy down Tenth got sideways on Seventh, has a light bar across the top, headed toward Division.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a white Subaru wagon between Seventh and Division punched it and almost went into the field. Backed into his driveway.

-MCSO received a report at Ione Gooseberry Rd/Howton Ln, Ione that he observed a vehicle, possibly a dark colored mini van out in his field about 1/2 mile off the road. RP advised it

appeared they went off the road and kept going. Appears subjects still in the vehicle. Non-injury, vehicle was being pulled out.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman that a dark or black two door Honda is weaving back and forth between the lines. Vehicle has gone off the road at times, but is still traveling. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 207 Echo, Lexington that son found two dogs with collars. Owners were found.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 730, Irrigon that dogs are hurting their cows. German shepherd and unknown other. Unable to locate owners of the dogs.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a Doge diesel truck out in the turkey shoots and was speeding the way there.

-MCSO received a report at Northwestern Motel on N Main St, Heppner that a female admitted to RP to being beaten up by her boyfriend. She is in the lobby now with a head wound and feels threatened for her life. Shaka Isaiah Klang was arrested by MCSO and lodged at UCJ with a bail of \$16,000.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a Jeep revved up its motor and sped up. Jeep had a plow attachment on the front of it.

December 26: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Boardman Bombing range on Bombing Range Rd, Boardman of a single vehicle accident between Wilson and Homestead on Bombing Range. Vehicle flipped twice.

-MCSO received a report on NE Third St, Irrigon that a black small car similar to an Acura that travels south on Third from Washington to Hwy 730 everyday around 720 am speeds and wants the driver contacted and slowed down.

-MCSO received a report on Kunze Ln, Boardman that there has been a vehicle parked next to her fence since Thursday morning. Subject said they broke down and have not come back.

-MCSO received a request at Heppner Market Fresh on N Main St, Heppner that deputy watch the handicapped parking space.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a subject trespassed on his property by backing into his driveway to turn around and then called RP a derogatory name when RP

confronted him. Responded and trespassed the subject from the property and discussed property boundaries with RP.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that neighbor's Chihuahua is coming into RP yard under the back gate. RP advised she has a service dog and this is going to cause her to have to get it fixed.

-MCSO received a report on Wagon Wheel Loop, Irrigon that there is a pony around the corner from her residence that appears abandoned and/or neglected. Deputy located the pony and made contact with animal owner.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 207, Heppner that there is a yearling fawn caught in the fence with a broken leg and needs put down.

-MCSO received a report on W Arcade St, Lexington that her father passed away and there is now an issue with his tenants upstairs. RP advised they want to keep some things and she advised them the estate has to be settled first.

-MCSO received a report at Mountain Glen Apartments 1-8 on NE Pioneer Dr, Heppner that she saw someone at the house near her residence and they ducked away from her and does not know if anyone is supposed to be there. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on N Main St, Heppner that a mid-20's to early 30's female wearing a black coat was in her parking lot crouched down on the phone. When RP asked her what she was doing there she began using the F word and stormed off. RP advised the female stated she was hitchhiking.

-MCSO received a report at Boardman Chevron on Main St N, Boardman that she just saw a vehicle hit another vehicle at the Circle K. The driver has not gotten up despite her husband knocking on the doors. Elizabeth Salinas was issued a citation for driving uninsured.

-MCSO received a report at Juniper Canyon Rd, Lexington that deputy hit a deer just past the gravel pits. Vehicle is drivable, front grill popped out. Due to snow pack conditions, deputy was unable to stop and deer unable to move.

-MCSO received a report on W Arcade St, Lexington that someone broke into her storage shed in her yard. Advises the lock on the door was broken and it was not this morning. States she has been having issues

with some tenants in the building.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that he just had a person in a 4-wheeler go past his residence and into the turkey shoots. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, Boardman about two individuals pushing a vehicle.

-MCSO received a report on SE Third St, Irrigon from a male reporting a domestic with him and his girlfriend, would like deputy to respond.

-MCSO received a juvenile complaint on NW Jones St, Heppner.

December 27: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received on I 84 W, Boardman that there is a vehicle in the median. Unknown further, possibly a pickup. RP called back and advised the subject was at the WB rest stop now, subject put it in 4-wheel drive and drove out. Advised he was not injured, no damage.

-MCSO received a report on Prickly Pear Ln, Irrigon that there is a white Ford Ranger parked across from her neighbor's, along Division. RP is concerned that it may be her ex, who she has a restraining order against. Deputy responded, subject was not her ex and was in the area for other reasons.

-MCSO received a report on N Main St, Heppner that a vehicle has been parked there for a week. Would like the owner talked to about moving the vehicle.

-MCSO received a report on Olson Rd, Boardman of concern for animals at location. The pasture is leased out and concern for animals there owned by person leasing the ground.

-MCSO received a report on NW Washington Ave, Irrigon of theft of a package from his property. RP has it on video.

-MCSO received a report that Van Etta, Ross was arrested by MCSO on Umatilla County warrants. Lodged at UCJ on a bail of \$60,000.

-MCSO received a report on SW Nevada Ave, Irrigon from a Spanish speaking couple reporting a dog bite.

-MCSO received a report at SE Thirteenth St/SE California Ave, Irrigon that it appears the front of a house is on fire. Controlled burn.

-MCSO received a report on Tower Rd, Boardman that she hit a deer. It has smashed her front end in and the deer is still alive.

-MCSO received a re-

port on Hwy 74, Heppner that there is a pickup pulling a van with no lights on heading towards Heppner. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE California Ave, Irrigon that a chocolate lab approximately one year old and a golden retriever approximately seven years old ran away.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that there are individuals revving their engines in the turkey shoots.

-MCSO received a report at NW Baltimore St/NW Gale St, Heppner that a dog continuously barks. Unable to locate any dogs barking.

December 28: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on Rippee Rd, Boardman that his neighbor's dogs have been out and coming on to his property. Deputy responded, dogs are now back at their residence and shouldn't be able to dig out.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74, Ione that a station wagon gray with black bottom was heading north on Hwy 74. RP called back and advised it was the mail man in a different vehicle.

-MCSO received a report on W Fourth Rd, Irrigon that a dog needs to be put down because it looks sick. RP called back and advised that the Oregon Trail Vet is going to put the dog down.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E/Hwy 730, Boardman that there was a grey semi that was driving recklessly and they are now on I 84 heading east. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report at AC Houghton on Ne Main Ave, Irrigon that there are dogs killing sheep, two houses before RV park next to marina and softball.

-MCSO received a report on Knapp St, Irrigon that his neighbor's dog that has killed livestock, has a court order by a judge to have the dog leashed and muzzled at all times. At this time the dog is running around the yard not leashed or muzzled. Deputy made contact and will be contacting judge next week.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 730, Boardman that a light gold Grand Am was speeding and on the wrong side. Delgadillo, Abigail Dulce was issued citation for careless driving.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a white BMW SUV drove quickly on Utah Ave. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Thirteenth St, Irrigon that there is a cat that appears to be sick, skin and bones.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a small white car won't get out

of the passing lane, holding up traffic. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a grey pickup with Idaho plates is traveling with no lights on.

-MCSO received a report on SE Park Pl, Irrigon that she is the landlord of a residence and there are two people on the property that are not supposed to be there.

-MCSO received a report on S F St, Lexington that elderly female activated medical alert that is on her person. Neighbor went down and checked on her. No action taken.

-MCSO received a report at NW Church St/NW Jones St, Heppner that his ex-girlfriend hit him three times and gave him a bloody nose.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 730, Irrigon that an Oak Harbor freight semi is passing cars on no passing lane, pulling doubles. Referred to other agency.

December 29: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Love's Travel Stop and Country Store on Tower Rd, Boardman that RP works for a trucking company and he needs to refuel, trucking company wants him to use his money to refuel, but RP does not have money. Would like to speak to deputy regarding options.

-MCSO received a report on SE Chase St, Heppner that a subject is sitting on the curb talking to himself, doesn't appear to be dressed for the weather. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Paul Smith Rd, Boardman that a dog was barking at 2 am on Wednesday, last night noticed that there are footprints leading to a window and the screen was hanging from the window. Did not see anyone and has no idea who it could have been. MCSO made contact, advised that no entry was made.

-MCSO received a report at Heppner Day Care on NW Gale St, Heppner that it appears someone tried to get into the back door and the shed door is almost completely off.

-MCSO received a report on NW Baltimore St, Heppner that a tailgate for a pickup that used to be for a fifth wheel was stolen yesterday.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a white Cadillac Escalade just came flying through the area, advised this is an ongoing issue. Vehicle is the one from the second house on Tenth and Utah.

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