

Sheriff's Report

MCSO Report September 6th - 16th

Continued

Extra Patrol

Occurred on Wilson Rd SW, Boardman, OR. RP requested extra patrols due to concerns about possible human trafficking of a relative in Mexico. RP referred to US Customs for assistance. Extra patrol requested for 30 days. Disposition: NO ACTION TAKEN.

Missing Person

Occurred at Morrow County Sheriff's Office, W Willow View Dr, Heppner, OR. RP reported a friend's husband as missing. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Vehicle Check

Occurred on Highway 206 Condon, Heppner, OR. RP reported an orange 2-door car broken down at the location with two people on scene. Disposition: REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCY.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. RP reported a silver 4-door Honda Civic speeding past their house. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Dog Complaint

Occurred on SE Tenth St, Irrigon, OR. RP reported two German Shepherds attacking a woman with a small dog. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Fraud/Forgery

Occurred at Love's Travel Stop and Country Store, Tower Rd, Boardman, OR. RP reported someone passed a counterfeit \$100 bill. Disposition: REPORT TAKEN.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on I-84 W, Hermiston, OR. RP reported being almost run off the road by a red Ford Bronco pulling a boat. BPD made contact with the vehicle and forwarded information to OSP. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Death Investigation

Occurred on SW Wyoming Ave, Irrigon, OR. Disposition: REPORT TAKEN.

Dog Complaint

Occurred at Sinclair Station, W Main St, Lexington, OR. RP reported a dog and her puppies wandering in the area. The mother was aggressive towards someone. Disposition: ADVISED.

Dog Complaint

Occurred on Jerry Ln, Boardman, OR. RP reported a dog on their dad's property killing chickens and ducks. Deputies responded, and the dog was transported to Pet Rescue. Disposition: TRANSPORTED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. RP reported a Ford F350 speeding down towards Tenth. Disposition: ADVISED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on I-84 E, Boardman, OR. OSP reported four or five sports-style cars speeding at high speeds (90's). MCSO and BPD were advised. BPD was unable to locate. Disposition: ADVISED.

Extra Patrol

Occurred on NE Tenth St, Irrigon, OR. Extra patrol requested for 10 days due to suspicious vehicles and individuals through the night. RP will be out of town, and only a white Ford F350 and a black Ford Focus should be on the property. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Disabled Vehicle

Occurred on Bombing Range Rd, Lexington, OR. RP reported running out of fuel and blocking the Lexington-bound lane in a Ford F250 with flashers on.

MCSO responded and completed the report. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Extra Patrol

Occurred on Wilson Rd SW, Boardman, OR. RP requested extra patrols due to concerns of possible human trafficking of a relative in Mexico. RP referred to US Customs and requested patrol for 30 days. Disposition: NO ACTION TAKEN.

Grass Fire

Occurred on Kunge Ln, Boardman, OR. A grass fire was reported across from the location, near new houses. BFD, BPD, and MCSO responded, and the fire was extinguished. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on I-84 E, Boardman, OR. RP reported a white semi-truck hauling a silver trailer driving erratically, speeding, and swerving off-road. MCSO was out of position, and the incident was referred to OSP. Disposition: ADVISED.

Disturbance

Occurred at Green Acres, Paterson Ferry Rd, Irrigon, OR. RP reported a disturbance caused by his girlfriend. MCSO responded and completed the report. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on I-84 W, Boardman, OR. RP reported a semi-truck failing to maintain its lane. No other vehicle description was given. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Motor Vehicle Accident
Occurred at Forest Service 2104 Rd/Forest Service 21 Rd, Heppner, OR. RP advised of a two-vehicle accident with no injuries. Information was exchanged, but the damage exceeds \$2500, and a report needs to be filed. Incident occurred on 09/08. RP's pickup is located at PMH. Disposition: REPORT TAKEN.

MVA-Fire

Occurred at S First St/E Highway 730, Irrigon, OR. T-bone accident, reported through a third party. The situation looked pretty bad. Disposition: REPORT TAKEN.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on I-84 W, Boardman, OR. RP reported a sky blue Subaru Outback with a broken front bumper on the passenger side, swerving all over the road, and texting while driving. Disposition: REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCY.

Fire Call

Occurred at Dry Fork Rd/Ridge Rd, Ione, OR. A fire was reported down in the canyon, near the county line. It was unclear which side of the line the fire was on. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Information

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. RP reported a blue/gray Dodge pickup with ID plates that had been sitting in front of a neighbor's house for over 20 minutes. The driver and passengers, who are teenagers, have a history of harassing the RP and neighbor. The vehicle is not causing any issues at the moment. Disposition: ADVISED.

Extra Patrol

Occurred at Les Schwab, N Main St, Heppner, OR. RP requested extra patrol as 24 big loader tires would be dropped off in the back parking lot, and they need patrol until they are moved the following morning. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on SE Kristen

Dr, Irrigon, OR. RP reported a white Ford Ranger extended cab speeding through the area. Disposition: ADVISED.

Suspicious Activity

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. RP requested contact at his residence regarding a suspicious incident that occurred on Labor Day weekend. Disposition: UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on E 2nd St, Ione, OR. RP had questions about a subject riding his 4-wheeler on city streets in Ione. Disposition: UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Theft Complaint

Occurred at Threemile Canyon Farms (Office), Threemile Rd, Boardman, OR. RP reported that a desktop computer, monitor, and battery backup were stolen from the scale house across from Loves. Disposition: REPORT TAKEN.

Disabled Vehicle

Occurred at Saylor Rd/Highway 207, Echo, OR. A semi was reported stuck and partially blocking the road. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on I-84 W, Boardman, OR. RP has been following a vehicle since Hermiston and reported multiple driving issues. BPD responded and located the vehicle. The driver was warned for failure to signal a turn and failure to drive with a valid driver's license. Disposition: WARNING.

Missing Person

Occurred on W Depot St, Lexington, OR. An abandoned 911 call was received. Upon callback, the RP advised that her son was missing but has since returned. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Dog Complaint

Occurred on SE Fourth St, Irrigon, OR. RP reported that his neighbor's dogs are outside, preventing him from leaving. He requested a deputy to tell them to put the dogs inside. Deputy checked the area, but the dogs were not located. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Alarm

Occurred at Upper Columbia Sawmill, Pole Line Rd, Boardman, OR. A commercial burglary alarm was triggered. Deputy responded. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Citizen Assist

Occurred at Cutsforth Park, Park Ln, Heppner, OR. RP reported falling ash in the area and wanted to be notified in case of any emergency evacuations. John Day Interagency Dispatch was advised.

Suspicious Activity

Occurred on Idaho Ln, Irrigon, OR. RP reported a Toyota Tundra following him. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Vehicle Check

Occurred at Columbia Ln/NW Tumbleweed Blvd, Irrigon, OR. Driver was advised with a warning for taking power from the citizen center. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Information

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, OR. RP reported that the neighbor parked in front of his window and revved the motor, attempting to harass him. RP requested a deputy to talk to the owner of the truck to stop the behavior. Disposition: COMPLETED.

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MCSD School Board Approves Bond Resolution

Morrow County – February 27, 2025, Morrow County School District's Board of Directors has voted to place a General Obligation Bond for the district on the May 2025 ballot. The vote to pass the resolution for the bond was unanimous at its February 10th regular board meeting.

“We are very excited to move forward with the proposed bond for the district, which if passed will provide crucial facility projects across our district, benefiting all our students,” said Richard Cole, Board Chair.

The official vote follows a year of work by the district's Community Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC), which presented their final bond recommendation to the board in January. The CBAC's work included comprehensive reviews of all MCSD schools and facilities that were conducted by certified assessors from the Oregon Department of Education. CBAC members reviewed these facility assessments, toured buildings with school principals, reviewed bond financial options and prioritized projects. The CBAC pointed out that their proposed projects do not cover the total facility needs of the district; these projects are the most crucial ones right now.

The public was able to provide feedback about the draft recommendations for several weeks in November and December.

Proposed bond projects include: Irrigon Jr/Sr High School (built 1978) – due to severity of structural issues, replace school to provide modern educational environment for students; Riverside Jr/Sr High School (built 1968) – remodel and build addition for more classroom space & gym to support future enrollment; Heppner Jr/Sr High School (built 1962 with later additions/remodels) & Heppner Elementary (built 1954 with later additions/remodels) – remodel Jr/Sr High to become a K-12 campus with thoughtful grade level separation, resulting in operational savings and safer location for elementary students; Sam Boardman Elementary - make parking/traffic flow improvements including dedicated bus loop for safety; District-wide -- make security & safety improvements including secure main entry, cameras & door access control at A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon Elementary, Morrow Education Center, and Windy River Elementary.

The district recently was notified that it has qualified for a matching grant of \$6 million from the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program (OSCIM). This grant would be provided if the proposed bond is approved by Morrow County voters in the spring.

The amount of the proposed bond is \$204.4 million. The estimated bond rate would be \$2.99 per \$1,000 assessed value and the bond would be for 20 years.

Taxpayers in Morrow County School District are not currently paying for a school district bond nor levy. The last general obligation bond was passed in 2001 and expired in 2021. The last operating levy (which was not for facility construction or upgrades) passed in 2012 and expired in 2016.

According to county tax records, in Morrow County industrial and utility companies pay approximately 71% of the taxes on assessed property values

due to the amount of property they own. The Morrow County School Board and CBAC feel that the current situation for funding projects in Morrow County is a positive one for individual taxpayers because a majority of the current tax base is companies.

In the next three months, Morrow County School District will run an information campaign to

inform stakeholders about the scope of the bond, its costs and what it will mean for the success of students in the district.

The best place to find updated information about the bond is on the website page at mcsdbond.org. Or you can email bondinfo@morrowsd.org or contact the District Office at 541-676-5705.

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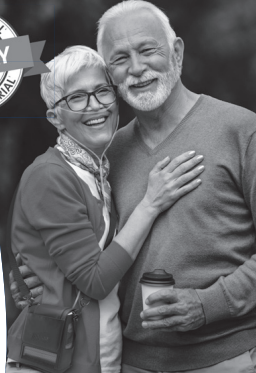
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