

SAFETY

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two handguns from her home on Feb. 22 and she has not been able to get them back. The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is investigating. 6:10 p.m. - Hermiston Fire responded to a two-vehicle accident.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
HFES medical calls - 10
HFES motor vehicle accidents - 2

6:07 a.m. - Maria Velasco of Velasco Used Cars, 80596 Highway 395, Hermiston, called 9-1-1 and reported someone broke into the office and stole all of the keys to all of the vehicles on the lot and also took a red 2008 Dodge Charger.

2:04 p.m. - A man reported someone is dumping garbage and household materials on his property at Canal Road between East Highland Extension and Feedville Road, Hermiston.

3:40 p.m. - A semitrailer caught fire coming down Interstate 84's notorious Cabbage Hill near Pendleton.

The 50-year-old driver from South Carolina was going about 20 mph with the rig's compression release engine brake on — or Jake

Brake — when he noticed noises and smoke, according to Oregon State Police. He stopped on the shoulder of the highway, and others stopped to help him put out a fire in the engine compartment.

Their efforts, though, were not enough. The fire reached the cab and destroyed it.

The trailer, which contained barrels of "food product," state police reported, only sustained minor damage to wiring and brake lines.

Police closed down both lanes of the westbound freeway for about 45 minutes to an hour while firefighters doused the blaze, and a Pendleton contractor responded to clean up diesel fuel.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

•The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Matthew Orvis Paeschke, 50, and Jeanne Lee Melton, 41, no addresses available, for possession of methamphetamine.

•Hermiston police arrested Noe Calderon Sanchez, 22, of Hermiston, for second-degree assault and on a warrant for failure to appear.

•Oregon State Police arrested Travis Andrew Clack, 22, of Umatilla, for DUII.

•An Oregon State Police trooper caught two racers for going more than 100 mph. Trooper Marcus Burt was

observing traffic on Interstate 84 at milepost 200 a few miles east of Pendleton when two vehicles at 8:24 p.m. zoomed by. The first, a two-door Volkswagen, was going 100 mph, according to state police, and the second, a Dodge pickup, was at 117.

The trooper chased, and the driver in the Volkswagen hit the brakes in front of the pickup, nearly causing a crash. The trooper stopped the car and waved for the pickup to stop, but it did not. The trooper, though, later caught up with that driver.

Abdulaziz Alqasimi, 25 of Boise, drove the Volkswagen, and Jordan Travis Beckley, 22, of Hermiston, drove the Dodge. The trooper cited both for driving faster than 100 mph, and gave an additional ticket to Alqasimi for reckless driving.

•Hermiston police arrested Jaime Moras Nava, 26, of Paterson, Washington, for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and on a warrant for failure to appear.

Hermiston Police arrested Jody Jack Allen, 47, of Pendleton, for felony aggravated theft (value \$10,000), unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, and four warrants for failure to pay fines.

Hermiston Police arrested Timothy Hodgdon, 45, for DUII.

Tree snags naked home invasion suspect

By KATHY ANEY
Staff Writer

Gail Wilson's surreal Saturday started when a naked man stepped through her front door and said, "Hi, honey."

Wilson, who has muscular dystrophy, was sitting in a stuffed lift chair drinking soup when the man appeared at the doorway of her Pendleton home.

"He had a big grin on his face," she said. "He came walking toward me with his arms open wide. I kept saying 'Get away from me. Get out of my house.'"

Wilson was home alone. Her husband Roger, her son and her daughter were away. When the man leaned over to give Wilson a hug, she pushed him off. Wilson, a former correctional officer at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution said her training kicked in. She didn't look him in the eye

and remained calm and firm. She thought about her pistol in her bedroom nightstand.

Wilson would have to push man, later identified as Steven S. Burton, 30, away several times. He dragged Wilson's black lab down the hall and shut him in a back room.

"I thought, 'This is it, I'm going to be raped or murdered,'" Wilson recalled. "I'd more or less accepted my fate. Today was my day. But I wasn't going to let him take me gently."

She managed to dial 9-1-1, and soon police drove up the Wilson's long driveway. Burton, who had wandered outside to inspect the Wilson's shed, took off running. Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said Burton dashed north, scaled a cyclone fence and dove off the side of a 40- or 50-foot bluff that borders the Umatilla River near the Riverside

Bridge. When officers heard no splash or other indication the man had hit bottom, they ran to get a better view.

"When they got there, they looked down," Roberts said. "He was hanging upside-down in a tree."

Roberts said the apparently drug-intoxicated Hermiston man was combative with his left ankle wedged in the crotch of a tree and his head about five or six feet from the bank.

Officers called for assistance from Emergency Medical Services and Umatilla County Search & Rescue. Pendleton firefighter/paramedic Jeremy Keene, who made his way down a steep game trail, was the first to reach the injured man.

Burton was rescued from the tree and taken to St. Anthony Hospital for an examination before heading to jail. He faces charges of burglary, harassment, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.



Burton

COURTS:

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and \$1,650 fine—suspended for each count, and 90 days driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

•Joel Leonel Casana, 50, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Criminal Trespass I; sentenced to 180 days jail—suspended, 1 year probation, 20 hours community service, \$40 fine and \$1,650 fine—suspended, plus court costs and fees.

•James Derek Harns, 27, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Criminal Mischief III; sentenced to 15 days jail—suspended, 1 year probation, \$40 fine and \$400 fine—suspended, plus court costs and fees.

•Dallas Dwaine Senn, 60, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII; sentenced to 30 days jail, 180 days jail—suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,685 fine, \$500 fine—suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Reckless Driving; sentenced to 180 days jail—suspended, 2 years probation, 30 hours community service, \$440 fine, \$1,250 fine—suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension, plus court assessment.

•Sergio Taboada Salinas, 35, Plymouth, Wash., pleaded guilty to DUII; sentenced to 30 days jail, 180 days jail—suspended, 3 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$935 fine, \$1,250 fine—suspended and 3 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Reckless Driving; sentenced to 180 days jail—suspended, 3 years probation, 16 hours community service, \$190 fine, \$1,500 fine—suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension, plus court assessment.

•James Charles Beard, 47, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Failure to

Register as Sex Offender; sentenced to 180 days jail—suspended, 2 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$40 fine and \$400 fine—suspended, plus court costs and fees.

•Walter Zarate Escobar, 46, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII; sentenced to 2 days jail, 180 days jail—suspended, 2 years probation, \$685 fine, \$750 fine—suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Reckless Driving; sentenced to 180 days jail—suspended, 2 years probation, \$940 fine, \$750 fine—suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension, plus court assessment.

DIVORCES

Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Mark Todd Youncs and Lisa Anne Youncs; Tyler Fernald and Myra Okaly Fernald; Jimmy Brown and Taylor Brown; Sara Anne Murphy and Thomas Loran Murphy; Sosena Victoria Erevia and Carlose Salveador Duran; Joshua A. Dimock and Aimee F. Dimock; Marisa Kathleen Fuller and Jordan Mitchell Fuller; Brandi Dunlap and Morgan Dunlap; Samantha Aliphin and Felix Colbray; Ross L. Westberg and Mary E. Westberg; Gary E. Myers and Christina L. Myers; Josue Mejia and Sandra Mejia; Joseph A. Bushell and Amberly R. Bushell.

MARRIAGES

Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for: Stephen Phillip Gaynor, 57, of Hermiston and Mary Victorine Brandt, 57, of Richland, Wash.

Douglas Milton Minton, 51, and Ann Marie Richards, 45, both of Hermiston.

SUITS FILED

The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts:

- The Bank of New York Mellon

vs. Colleen E. Lazinka, Alvin Keith Jones individually and as personal representative of the estate of Lynn R. Jones, Teresa Lynn Jones individually and as personal representative of the estate of Lynn R. Jones, Cecil Dale Jones, Sherry Currutt, unknown heirs of Lynn R. Jones, State of Oregon and parties in possession; seeks \$105,944.93 plus interest, costs and fees.

•JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. vs. Carlton L. Moore, Unifund CCR LLC, Midland Funding LLC and parties in possession; seeks \$77,263.31 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Carrington Mortgage Services LLC vs. Jeffrey A. Reid, Lynnette Burrows, State of Oregon and persons or parties unknown claiming right, title, lien or interest; seeks \$162,804.94 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Bouasay Khathavong; seeks \$862.95 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Sue Widner (Sue Widern); seeks \$767.11 and \$1,348.81 in separate suits, plus interest, costs and fees.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Amy Hodgen; seeks \$797.26 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Lola Reedy; seeks \$1,697.61 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Angela Young; seeks \$768.97 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Michael Jay Martinez; seeks \$1,306.48 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Cach LLC vs. Martha Hernandez de Saldana; seeks \$1,857.58 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Cach LLC vs. Billie Monahan; seeks \$905.17 plus interest, costs and

fees.

•Cach LLC vs. Jorge L. Parra; seeks \$794 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Cach LLC vs. Tiffanie Carrick; seeks \$1,350.17 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Cach LLC vs. Charles Ferguson; seeks \$754.29 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Cach LLC vs. Joseph D. Gorman; seeks \$837.54 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Bank of America N.A. vs. Estate of Ned E. Humbert (aka Ned H. Humbert), Sharon Humbert, Jerad Humbert, Darren Humbert, Derrck Humbert, Jevena Word, Twila

Humbert, Travis Humbert, unknown heirs of Ned E. (Ned H.) Humbert, and all others claiming right, title, lien or interest; seeks \$168,304.36 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Ivan E. Gutierrez; seeks \$4,590.60 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Alder Grove Services LLC vs. Saul Escobedo; seeks \$971.62 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Financial Assistance Inc. vs. Donna Anderson; seeks \$7,796.76 plus interest, costs and fees.

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