

Two Hermiston men hurt in early Sunday exchange of gunfire

Gunfire erupted at a Hermiston apartment complex early Sunday morning, sending two men to the hospital.

Both men suffered non-life threatening gunshot wounds and the investigation is ongoing, Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said in a written statement.

Gunfire was exchanged at the apartment complex at the 600 block of Southeast Fourth Street, but law enforcement — including Hermiston detectives and the Oregon State Police Forensic Division — are still determining exactly what happened.

Police received a report of at least 10 gunshots at 3:16 a.m. and an ambulance was dispatched, but it was canceled when no victims were found at the scene. While en route to the shooting, some police officers were redirected to the emergency department at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, after two people with gunshot wounds arrived separately, according to Edmiston.

Adalberto G. Flores, 20, and a 17-year-old male, both of Hermiston, were taken to Good Shepherd Medical Center but then transported out of the



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An investigator looks for evidence Sunday at an apartment complex after a shooting on Southeast Fourth Street near Highland Avenue, Hermiston.

Hermiston area to receive further medical care, according to Edmiston.

During the investigation, Hermiston officers arrested Lalo Murillo, 21, of Hermiston on a Umatilla County parole/probation detainer. Edmiston could not confirm if other people were involved

in the shooting or if the incident was gang related.

He did say the people involved had "ties to criminal elements associated with gang behavior."

"We need to allow the investigation to run its course before we are able to categorize this as gang

related," he wrote.

Edmiston did confirm the department has seen an increase in cases of graffiti, a sign of gang activity, but said the majority of the recent cases, including taggings at Riverfront Park and the Oxbow Trail, were not associated with gangs.

District offers classified employees 4 percent raise

By JENNIFER COLTON
Staff Writer

Classified employees in the Hermiston School District will receive raises each year for the next two years.

Monday, the Hermiston School Board of Education unanimously approved an agreement with the Oregon School Employees Association Chapter 10, the local union for the district's classified employees. Classified employees include those employees who are not certified teachers or administrators, such as classroom assistants, custodians and maintenance workers. The agreement is the result of negotiations between Hermiston's OSEA chapter and the district.

The classified employees approved the agreement on May 6, and the school board accepted it on May 9, after meeting in a closed-door, executive session.

The agreement covers the 2016-8 biennium and includes a modified salary increase for the 2016-17 school year and a 4 percent cost-of-living increase in the 2017-18 school year. The insurance cap will also be increased by \$25 each year.

"This agreement gives us stability for the next two years and provides an important adjustment in compensation to make

sure we maintain fair comparative wages for the quality we receive," Superintendent Fred Maiocco said.

In other business, the board:

- Received pins in recognition for years of service. Board members Karen Sherman (35 years), Dave Smith (five years) and Josh Goller (1 year) each received pins. The pins are awarded for every five years of service as well as for the first full year of service to the Hermiston School District as an employee or board member.

- Accepted the resignation of five district employees: second-grade teacher Ashley Harsin, kindergarten teacher Amy Hoffert, educational assistant Amelia Ough, custodian Bruce Kernal and Deputy Superintendent Wade Smith, who will serve his last day with the district on June 30 before taking over as superintendent in Walla Walla.

- Approved extra responsibility contracts naming Elise Flemming head volleyball coach and Krystofer Lopez head lacrosse coach at Hermiston High School.

- Heard a presentation on Oregon Rising, a grassroots initiative seeking increased funding for schools from the Oregon Legislature.

Hermiston man charged after hate crime

A Hermiston man is in custody after allegedly assaulting a black Pendleton man because of his race.

Vernon Allen Jewell, 52, approached Eddie Scott at about 6 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of Foxwood Apartments on Orchard Avenue.

According to Hermiston Police Chief Jason Ed-

miston, Jewell was "belligerent" and calling Scott racial slurs.

Jewell swung at Scott, again calling him a racial slur, according to Edmiston. As Jewell continued to come aggressively at Scott, he punched Jewell in the



Vernon Jewell

mouth in self-defense, according to Edmiston.

During the investigation, Jewell was identified as the primary aggressor.

When Jewell was being taken into custody, he resisted arrest, and officer Carlos Balli and another officer

were able to gain control of Jewell.

Jewell was charged with second-degree intimidation (aggravated assault), second-degree disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

As of Monday, Jewell was lodged in the Umatilla County Jail with a \$15,000 bail.

IN BRIEF

Drug court sets graduation event

Nearly four dozen men and women will celebrate completion of requirements for the Umatilla County Drug Court.

Christine Massingale and Craig Rodriguez, alumni of the program, are the special speakers during the event. The public is invited to celebrate with the 47 graduates Friday at 2 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 900 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

For more information, contact Stephanie Miller at 541-276-7824 or stephanie.j.miller@cc.doc.state.or.us.

Republican Women's gathering focuses on guns

Jim Webster and Wayne York are the guest speakers of the upcoming Round Up Republican Women's meeting.

Webster has a federal firearms license to sell guns and York is the owner/operator of Oregunsmithing LLC.

The public is invited to attend the no-host luncheon Thursday at 11:45 a.m. at

the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. The cost is \$11.

Those who plan to attend are asked to make a reservation by Wednesday morning. For more information or to RSVP, contact rounduprepublicanwomen@hushmail.com or 541-276-1206.

Commissioner candidate to address area Democrats

Tom Bailor, a Umatilla County commissioner candidate, is the guest speaker at the upcoming Umatilla County Democrats luncheon.

Everyone is invited to the no-host event Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Prodigal Son Brew-

ery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.

For more information, call 541-567-1072.

Vanilla Ice, Morris Day to perform at Wildhorse

Notorious rap star Vanilla Ice is featured in a summer outdoor concert at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

In addition to the rapper of "Ice Ice Baby" fame, Morris Day & The Time will perform. Day is known as Prince's rival in "Purple Rain."

The all-ages show is Saturday, July 30 at 8 p.m. The venue offers a full no-host bar and a handful of food trucks.

Tickets, which went on sale Tuesday, are \$59 for

platinum seats, \$49 for gold and \$29 for lawn seating. They are available at the casino gift shop or www.wildhorseresort.com.

For more information, contact Tiah DeGrofft, Wildhorse community relations, at 541-966-1628, tiah.degrofft@wildhorseresort.com.

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