

School specialist terminated for theft

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Staff Writer

A Hermiston School District employee was fired on Monday, Jan. 23, after she was caught stealing credit cards from colleagues' purses in October 2016 and spending the money on cigarettes.

Lisa Bryan was a speech language pathologist at the Hermiston School District since the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. Bryan was arrested and lodged in the Umatilla County Jail on four counts of identity theft, four counts of fraudulent use of a credit or debit card, and four counts of third-degree theft.

According to school district documents received by the East Oregonian, Bryan was placed on paid administrative leave for three months, starting in October 2016, while Hermiston police investigated the alleged theft.

During that period, district employees attempted to meet with Bryan to discuss the incident, but Bryan did not appear for the scheduled meetings.

The district then moved forward with the information they had, and recommended to the board that Bryan be

terminated, which they did Jan. 23.

The investigation began October 14, when Hermiston police received a report that three teachers at Desert View Elementary School had their debit or credit cards stolen out of their purses during the previous few weeks.

On October 20, police received surveillance video from the school showing a pregnant female entering and exiting several classrooms. A few hours later, Bryan met with two Hermiston police officers.

Officers told Bryan she was caught on video surveillance at the 11th Street Market using one of the stolen cards.

After initially denying having any knowledge of the alleged theft, Bryan admitted to using stolen cards to purchase cigarettes and other items. Officers learned that in addition to employees from Desert View, Bryan had also stolen from a colleague at Highland Hills Elementary School.

When asked why she had stolen the cards, Bryan told police that she was having financial difficulties, but had not used the cards to pay for any bills or household items.

Teen faces attempted murder for Mother's Day shootout

By PHIL WRIGHT
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Adalberto Flores sought help for the bullet wounds in his buttocks early May 8 at a Hermiston hospital when he spotted Lalo Murillo.

Flores pointed to Murillo, according to public records from Umatilla County Circuit Court, and told the police present, "That's the [expletive] that shot me!"

Hermiston police Capt. Travis Eynon also said that's how it went down, and officers immediately arrested Murillo on a warrant.

Eynon said Murillo, 22, was at Good Shepherd Medical Center that Mother's Day morning with fellow Hermiston resident Alexis Manuel Paredes Bedolla, who was 17 at the time and had been shot in his right forearm by Flores earlier in the morning.

Bedolla was too in-

jured for police to arrest, Eynon said, but officers later booked him into the juvenile jail at the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility, The Dalles. He turned 18 on Jan. 21, records show, and five days later was in

knocking him off a chair. According to court documents, Murillo sent text messages bragging about the assault.

Eynon said Flores heard about the situation at the bar and went to see if anyone needed a ride.



Bedolla

Flores found everyone had split, so he went to the local Jack in the Box for a meal and headed home.

He arrived at his apartment at 645 S.E. Fourth St., Hermiston, and saw Murillo and Bedolla coming at him, Eynon said. Flores started for the back of the residence to get a gun and bullets began to fly.

Police received reports of at least 10 gunshots at 3:16 a.m. The shooters fired through a screen in an open window, Eynon said, and two rounds struck Flores in the buttocks.

Flores shot back with an AK-47, hitting Bedolla in the forearm, before the gunfire stopped.

The injured shooters had the same plan — get to the hospital — and both were taken in private vehicles.

Eynon said he did not know why Murillo fought at the bar or what was behind the gunfight, but it all could be gang related.

While Bedolla waits in the county jail, Murillo is serving almost six years in state prison for second-degree assault. He pleaded guilty Jan. 20 in Morrow County Circuit Court to stabbing a man in August at a party in Irrigon.

He committed that crime while out on bail. Murillo also is serving a concurrent year for the bar fight after pleading guilty in late December to misdemeanor fourth-degree assault.

OBITUARIES

Dorla Christman-Hahn Hermiston October 11, 1930-January 17, 2017

Dorla Christman-Hahn of Hermiston, Oregon left this world on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. She was born in San Diego, California, on October 11, 1930.

Dorla led a very colorful life that included living in over 40 cities as a child. Her father worked in the construction of dams and airports throughout the United States, starting in Alaska and ending in California. This adventure included building a dam in Canada.

Dorla met her true love in California, married and was the mother of two children, Greg and Michelle.

Dorla had many loves that included anything to do with the outdoors, fishing, painting and dancing to "Pretty Woman" by Roy Orbison. Dorla was a zealous lover of painting and started later in life. Being self-

taught, Dorla painted in many mediums with watercolors being her favorite. She was also a member of the Allied Arts Association and has painted more than 200 pieces of work. Her art has been on display for sale at Sno Road Winery and various other cities throughout Oregon and Washington.

Dorla worked in the restaurant industry for over 30 years, owning her own restaurants and catering businesses.

Dorla is survived by her daughter Michelle Murray of Hermiston, Ore.; her grandson Ryan Murray and his wife Mariah; and four great-grandchildren, Dakota Stoneburner and Connor, Colby and Kennada Murray.

Dorla was predeceased by her son Greg and her grandson Jimmy.

A celebration of life will be held this summer.



Christman-Hahn

Jessie 'Naomi' Larkin Hermiston February 3, 1940-January 20, 2017

Jessie "Naomi" Larkin of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on February 3, 1940, in Baker, Oregon, to parents Haskel "Hack" and M. Ellen Tibbs Bloom. She died on January 20, 2017, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 76 years.

Naomi was raised for the better part of her childhood in Stanfield, Oregon, graduating from Stanfield High School in the class of 1958. Naomi was united in marriage to Harold L. Larkin on May 2, 1965, in Hermiston, Oregon.

She worked at the Umatilla Hospital and later at Good Shepherd Community Hospital for 25 years. Naomi then worked in the medical office of Dr. Maguire and Dr. Brueske in Hermiston for 10 years before she retired to focus on being a full-time grandma.

She was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Naomi loved to bake and enjoyed sharing her treats with her family and friends. She enjoyed gardening, crafts, crocheting, sewing, and taking pictures. Naomi cherished the time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Harold Larkin, Hermiston, Ore.;

son John Larkin and wife Monique, Hermiston, Ore.; daughter Diane Cherry and husband Dean, Hermiston, Ore.; sisters LaGreta Johnson

and Beulah Otzenberger, both of Hermiston, Ore.; sisters at heart Lori Rasmussen and Jean Carlton; aunt Jessie Tarter, Hermiston, Ore.; grandchildren: Ashley, Tucker (Hayley), Mahaila, Cody, Hayden, Trey and Mika; great-grandchildren Jenna, Carter, Payton and Riley; nieces and nephews Bob Bloom, Debbie Brandt, Steve Layman, Susan Phykitt, Pam Johnson, Mark Johnson and Mike Johnson; and numerous great-nieces, -nephews and cousins.

Naomi was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Jim Bloom.

A celebration of life service will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 855 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Naomi's memory to the Seventh-day Adventist Church Building Fund.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



Larkin

SAFETY LOG

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

3:59 a.m. - A caller on Southwest Desert Oak Drive, Hermiston, reported someone trying to get into her back door.
11:22 a.m. - A caller reported she had been receiving suspicious texts since 1 a.m. from a spoof number indicating that the person texting was on her street.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

3:45 a.m. - A male at Highway 395 North and Baggett Lane, Hermiston, was yelling and trying to get into businesses.
10:45 a.m. - A man reported that a bag of medications and his Nikon camera was stolen from his vehicle at McDonalds on North 1st Street, Hermiston.
12:38 p.m. - A male was armed with a handgun in the parking lot of Blue Mountain Community College on Southeast Columbia Drive, Hermiston.
10:31 p.m. - A caller at West Juniper Ave., Hermiston, said she thought she heard one shot.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

10:34 a.m. - A caller at Umpqua Bank on North 1st Street, Hermiston reported her citizenship paperwork was missing from her safety deposit box.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

8:07 a.m. - A caller at West Highland Avenue, Hermiston, reported a bear in her front yard, and said she was concerned for neighborhood kids' safety.
9:32 p.m. - A caller on Southwest 11th Street, Hermiston, could hear a juvenile female screaming for about 10 minutes.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

8:47 a.m. - A Hermiston Police em-

ployee reported possible drug activity in front of Last Chance Tavern on Southwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

1:31 p.m. - A male had a handgun inside the Jiffy Lube store on North 1st Street.

4:00 p.m. - A caller on West Ridgeway Avenue reported that her car had just been stolen, and she suspected her ex-boyfriend.

7:08 p.m. - A caller reported a male in a BMW chasing a green cavalier at Walmart on North 1st Street.

7:28 p.m. - A suicidal subject was reported at Northeast 6th Place, Hermiston.

10:55 p.m. - A female was reported screaming on Beech or Beebe Avenue, Hermiston.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

12:39 a.m. - A school reporting line on Southwest 10th Street called in concern for a student regarding suicidal threats online.

12:38 p.m. - A hypodermic needle was found on the side of a house on East Ridgeway Avenue.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

1:31 p.m. - A caller at East Browning Avenue, Hermiston, reported her mail was opened and items taken.

2:11 p.m. - A caller at Prickly Pear Drive, Hermiston, reported someone who she has a restraining order against fraudulently billed some construction work using her business account, which she had previously closed.

4:15 p.m. - A caller on East Sunset Drive, Hermiston, reported her 16-year-old daughter threatening to run away.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston JAN. 19, 2017

THOMAS — Deedra Gagnepain and Brad Thomas of Hermiston: a girl, Skyla Avery Thomas.

DEATHS

Griselia Floch

Hermiston
Jan. 17, 1930-Jan. 24, 2017

Griselia Floch, 87, of Hermiston died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, in Kennewick, Wash. She was born Jan. 17, 1930, in Mexico. A funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at Templo Abarim, 715 W. Tamarack Ave., Hermiston.

Burial will be Saturday, Jan. 28 at noon at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Raymond Dale 'Ray' Marquis

Irrigon
Feb. 16, 1934-Jan. 24, 2017

Raymond Dale "Ray" Marquis, 82, of Irrigon died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, at his home. He was born Feb. 16, 1934, in La Grande. At his request, no services will be held. His cremains will be buried at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Lorraine Maxine Powell

Hermiston
March 4, 1929-Jan. 29, 2017

Lorraine Maxine Powell, 87, of Hermiston died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, in Hermiston. She was born March 4, 1929, in Elk Point, S.D. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Hermiston. Private burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Robert A. 'Bob' Jimmerson

Hermiston
July 14, 1940-Jan. 28, 2017

Robert A. "Bob" Jimmerson, 76, of Hermiston died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at his home. He was born July 14, 1940, in Hoskins, Ore. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

OBITUARY POLICY

The Hermiston Herald publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

COURT REPORTS

Sentences

PENDLETON — The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

•Omar Buenrostro Nunez, 25, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Assault IV-domestic violence: sentenced to 15 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 2 years post-prison supervision and \$200 fine, plus court costs and fees.

•Jesus Zuniga Ayala, 62, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Forged Instrument I: sentenced to 19 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine and \$2,000 fine-suspended.

•Jordan Ray Brown, 28, Echo, pleaded guilty to Assault IV-domestic violence: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$100 fine and \$900 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

•Carlos Alonso Santiago, 26, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Giving False Information For Issuance/Service of Citation/Warrant: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, 40 hours community service, \$300 fine, \$700 fine-suspended and \$5,415.46 restitution; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear II: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, 40 hours community service and \$300 fine.

•Terrie Lynn Surber, 54, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to two counts of Animal Neglect II: sentenced to 90 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service and \$100 fine for each count, and \$1,650 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

•Martha Rodriguez Rivera, 30, Hermiston, was convicted of Failure to Perform Duties of Driver-property damage: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, 40 hours community

service, \$100 fine, \$900 fine-suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

•Terry Dean Schoen, 59, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Assault IV: sentenced to 45 days jail, 135 days jail-suspended 2 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$100 fine, \$1,400 fine-suspended and \$90.69 restitution; pleaded guilty to Attempt to Commit Class C/Unclassified Felony: sentence to discharge.

Divorces

PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Richard R. Rogers and Sheila M. Rogers; Joshua Wade Brown and Michelle Margaret Brown; Benjamin Henry Harnden and Shilo Marie Harnden; Irma Raquel Angel and Luis Antonio Angel.

Marriages

PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

James Dean Belew, 31, and Amber Jean Westfall, 27, both of Stanfield.

Josiah Seth Niederwerfer, 18, and Iliganoa Pitoula Elima Ena, 19, both of Hermiston.

Santos Crespo De Jesus, 25, and Martha Elva Jimenez Rodriguez, 27, both of Hermiston.

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