

# Legal challenges filed to gun storage ballot

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SALEM — Three legal challenges were filed last week against the ballot title for an initiative petition to impose storage requirements on Oregon gun owners.

The court challenge drastically shortens the time supporters have to gather signatures to get Initiative Petition 44 on the ballot, but they are publicly optimistic about the effort.

Ballot titles are the brief caption, summary and description of the result of a “yes” or “no” vote printed for each measure on the ballot. If anyone objects to the title, they can petition the Oregon Supreme Court to review the language.

The Oregon Supreme Court on Friday consolidated the three challenges to the IP 44 ballot title into one case, and set a June 25th deadline for the Oregon Attorney General to respond to the challenge. Challengers will then have until June 28 to file their own response to the AG.

Initiative Petition 44, filed in early April, would require gun owners to secure their firearms in a lock box or using a trigger or cable lock. It would also require them to report if one of their guns is stolen or lost within 24 hours of learning of the theft or loss.

Failure to comply with those requirements would be considered a violation, not a crime.

The measure would also hold gun owners civilly liable for five years follow-



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**A cable gun lock. Three challenges have been filed to the ballot title for a proposed measure that would require Oregon gun owners to secure their firearms in a lock box or using a trigger or cable lock. It would also require them to report if one of their guns is stolen or lost within 24 hours of learning of the theft or loss.**

ing an incident for injuries resulting from a failure to comply with the measure’s requirements.

Supporters of the petition — including family members of people killed in the shooting at the Clackamas Town Center in 2012 — want to get the petition on the ballot in November.

Challengers Keely Hopkins, state director for the National Rifle Association, and Paul Donheffner, legislative committee chair for the Oregon Hunters’ Association, expressed concerns about regulating how gun owners store their weapons.

“...IP 44 dictates particular storage and transfer requirements while

imposing conditions that unduly burden the ability of law-abiding citizens to use arms for self-defense and other lawful purposes,” their petition states. “Safety and storage is a matter of personal responsibility and subject to each individual’s particular circumstances and needs.”

Opponents of the ballot title for IP 44 also claim the caption, as written, focuses on the locking requirement and doesn’t adequately describe the penalties for failing to comply.

“While it is true there is no state or federal law that requires trigger/cable locks on firearms, that requirement that would be imposed

by IP 44 is a minor change in the context of the consequences of not putting a trigger/cable lock on a firearm,” wrote Dominic Aiello and Asha Aiello, who filed a petition Thursday. The third petition was filed by Kevin Starrett, head of the Oregon Firearms Federation.

Paul Kemp, one of the chief petitioners supporting IP 44, says that the group behind the measure, Oregonians for Safe Gun Storage and Reporting Lost/Stolen Firearms, has arranged to hire a paid signature gathering firm to try to meet the July 6 deadline.

Kemp says that his group is seeing “strong support” for the measure.

## COURTS

### SENTENCES

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

#### FELONY

•Matthew Drew Cleaver, 45, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation.

•Scott Michael Thurman, 24, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Robbery II, Unlawful Use of Weapon, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Assault IV and Theft II: sentences discharged; pleaded guilty to Coercion: sentenced to 3 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, \$200 fine and \$2,300 fine-suspended.

#### MISDEMEANOR

•Edgar Eduardo Cervantes Perez, 35, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$2,255 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver’s license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear II: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$100 fine and \$900 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

•Roger William Shipley II, 51, Umatilla, was convicted of Failure to Report as Sex Offender: sentenced to \$100 fine.

### SUITS FILED

PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

•Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Troy Stewart and Jamie Stewart of Hermiston, Michelle Lee Hagen, Cavalry SPV I LLC, Portfolio Recovery Associates and all parties claiming right, title, lien or interest: seeks \$101,598.71.

•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Jerry C. Keeley of Pendleton: seeks \$539.95.

•Credits Inc. vs. Joshua C. Peirce of Hermiston: seeks \$2,720.64.

•Credits Inc. vs. Susan Hudson of Irrigon: seeks \$2,025.04.

•Credits Inc. vs. Rosa Aguilar of Umatilla: seeks \$1,478.03.

•Credits Inc. vs. Alejandro G. Ramirez and Lauren Moran of Hermiston: seeks \$3,073.10.

•Credits Inc. vs. Mathew Augustus of Irrigon: seeks \$1,520.65.

•Credits Inc. vs. Stacy Schouten (Moore) of Hermiston: seeks \$1,207.73.

•Credits Inc. vs. Angel Jose Delacruz and Clara Arias of Hermiston: seeks \$4,987.

•Velocity Investments LLC vs. Charles Hudgins: seeks \$20,857.75.

•HAP0 Community Credit Union vs. Elizabeth L. and Daniel L. Banda of Hermiston: seeks \$11,193.76.

•Accounts Receivable Inc. vs. Costancio P. Rodriguez of Hermiston: seeks \$7,261.34.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Cody Holland: seeks \$676.70.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Joylyn Heath: seeks \$1,594.01.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Joshua Davis: seeks \$990.99.

•Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Dawn E. and Dustin Wilson: seeks \$8,441.20.

•JH Portfolio Debt Equities LLC vs. Cheryl Kandrasmith: seeks \$1,979.18.

•The Simmons Agency Inc. of Hermiston vs. Tina Headley of Walla Walla: seeks \$60,000.

•Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. the estate of Wesley Berdar of Hermiston, unknown heirs/devisees of Wesley Berdar, Patty J. Bly, Clifford Berdar and all others claiming right, title, lien or interest: seeks \$100,183.82.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Leticia Chairez Arellano: seeks \$3,056.73.

•Bobbie Jean Perez vs. Joshua Young: seeks \$38,808.42.

•Agri-chem Sprayers of Hermiston vs. Wade Aylett of Irrigon: seek \$975.16.

### JUDGMENTS

PENDLETON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

•Atlantic Credit & Finance Special Finance Unit III LLC vs. Lori L. Rogers: judgment for \$5,030.38.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sonia Salazar Sanchez of Irrigon: judgment for \$802.83.

•Credits Inc. vs. Robert J. Hussey of Irrigon: judgment for \$8,332.04.

•Credits Inc. vs. Brady A. Bruton of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,533.52.

•Merchants Credit Corporation vs. Thomas E. and Dixie A. Zypf of Hermiston: judgment for \$11,813.72.

•Capital One Bank vs. Nicole B. Fetter of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,791.33.

•Capital One Bank vs. Ryan Kettler: judgment for \$5,647.68.

•Capital One Bank vs. Sarah A. Harmon of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,724.84.

•Capital One Bank vs. Aaron Quaempts: judgment for \$2,201.13.

•Capital One Bank vs. Laura Chandler of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,995.59.

•Credits Inc. vs. Angela T. Camardese (Powell) of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,194.12.

•Credits Inc. vs. Mitchell J. Leonard of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,124.78.

•Credits Inc. vs. Alicia Arceo of Hermiston: judgment for \$682.49.

•Credits Inc. vs. Andrea Chairez of Irrigon: judgment for \$2,080.05.

•Credits Inc. vs. Troy A. and Mindy L. Newdiger of Irrigon: judgment for \$1,855.12.

•JH Portfolio Debt Equities LLC vs. Paul S. Getty of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,757.19.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Linda Cameron of Stanfield: judgment for \$986.53.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Lois Willson of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,006.72.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Michael Palmer of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$674.29.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Penny Snow of Hermiston: judgment for \$871.75.

•Credits Inc. vs. Emilia Perez of Boardman: judgment for \$416.60.

### DIVORCES

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

Melissa Renee Williams of Hermiston and Dominique Jumal Williams of Springdale, Ark.

### MARRIAGES

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

Carlos Flores Morales, 31, and Teresa Elizabeth Jimenez Rodriguez, 29, both of Hermiston.

Travis Rea Gabriel, 27, of Stanfield and Ann Elyse Merriman, 28, of Kennewick, Wash.

Gail Veone Cummings, 36, and Angela Marisa Wright, 47, both of Echo.

Eric Dewane Alder, 47, and Nova Dawn Baggett, 47, both of Hermiston.

Martin Cecil Hotchkiss Jr., 58, and Joy Lynette Gutierrez, 60, both of Stanfield.

Zachary Charles Robertson, 28, and Jena Lynet Holderman, 24, both of Umatilla.

Matthew Jackson Hodge, 32, and Tiffany Nicole Dawson, 33, both of Hermiston.

Jason R. Epperson III, 19, of Oceanside, Calif., and Jasmyn Elaine Bunnell, 18, of Hermiston.

## Hermiston Comfort Inn & Suites robbed at gunpoint

HERMISTON HERALD

The Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office seeks the public’s help to find two armed suspects from crimes on opposite ends of the county.

Sunday around 1:20 a.m., staff at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 77514 S. Highway 207, Hermiston, reported a robbery just occurred.

“A male suspect entered the lobby of the business, displayed a gun and demanded the clerk give him all the money in the cash drawer and safe,” according to the sheriff’s office.

The clerk complied and the robber left. He was possibly Hispanic, approximately 6 feet tall, had dark hair, wore a light colored jacket with a hood over and around his face. He carried a dark colored bag or backpack, which he told the clerk to put the money into.

The sheriff’s office also reported it received a call Saturday at 7:58 p.m. of a

robbery that occurred that morning at the Taj Food Mart, 84802 Highway 11, Milton-Freewater. The owner said a young Hispanic male entered the store at approximately 6:30 a.m., grabbed an 18-pack of Budweiser and ran out of the store.

The suspect got into the passenger side of a white Chevrolet car with damage to the front passenger side, and the car took off toward Milton-Freewater. The gas attendant followed the car until one of the occupants on the Chevrolet held a handgun up in the air, displaying it for her to see.

The sheriff’s office reported it is working with the business to retrieve video and anticipates releasing clearer photos soon. The suspects in both crimes remain at-large. The Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office asked anyone with information about either crime to contact the 24-hour dispatch center at 541-966-3651.

## DEATHS

### Margaret M. Moore

Boardman  
Feb. 2, 1930 - June 17, 2018

Margaret M. Moore, 88 of Boardman died Sunday, June 17, 2018, in The Dalles. She was born Feb. 2, 1930 in Roseville, California. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at 10 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

### Paul Ables

Hermiston  
Sept. 1, 1934 - June 18, 2018

Paul Ables 83, of Hermiston, died Monday, June 18, 2018, at a local assisted living facility in Hermiston. He was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Leola, Arkansas. Graveside services will be Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).

### Ella “Ruth” Hawes

Hermiston  
July 2, 1928 - June 15, 2018

Ella “Ruth” Hawes, 89, of Hermiston, died Friday, June 15, 2018, in Hermiston. She born July 2, 1928, in Sterling, Idaho. A graveside service will be held Friday, June 29, 2018, at 1 p.m. at the Aberdeen Cemetery, Aberdeen, Idaho. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## POLICE LOG

### TUESDAY, JUNE 12

1:39 p.m. — A theft was reported at a residence on South Highway 395, Hermiston, and a person was arrested.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

1:31 a.m. — A prowler was reported at Northwest Crestview Court, Hermiston.

2:06 p.m. — A caller reported that someone was walking through a parking lot on South Highway 395, Hermiston, looking into cars. The caller got pictures of him and the vehicle he was driving.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 14

12:14 a.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at Southwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

4:04 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported in a white Hyundai at North First Street, Hermiston, but none was found.

9:23 p.m. — A missing person was reported at North First Street, Hermiston.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 15

4:23 a.m. — An assault was reported on Northwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

10:54 a.m. — A runaway was reported at Northeast Third Place, Hermiston.

2:53 p.m. — Drug activity was reported at Northeast Aspen Drive, Hermiston.

2:57 p.m. — A child was reportedly left outside in a running vehicle on SEoutheast Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

3:58 p.m. — A caller on West Tam-

arack Avenue, Hermiston, reported someone keeps coming into their back yard and defecating near their bushes. The caller buried it and left a bucket there and the person has used the bucket as a toilet as well. They also left a bag of property behind.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 16

12:17 a.m. — A disturbance was reported at Victory Square Park, Hermiston.

1:57 a.m. — A fight was reported on North First Street, Hermiston.

3:08 a.m. — A fight was reported on Northeast Stockton Street, Hermiston.

4:15 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest Butte Drive, Hermiston.

5:27 p.m. — A burglary was reported on East Airport Road, Hermiston.

11:36 p.m. — Drug activity was reported on Northeast Aspen Drive, Hermiston.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 17

10:22 p.m. — An intoxicated subject was reported on Northwest 12th Street, Hermiston.

### MONDAY, JUNE 18

12:52 a.m. — Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported on Southwest Ninth Street, Hermiston.

4:28 a.m. — Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported on Southwest Ninth Street, Hermiston.

11 a.m. — Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported on Southwest Ninth Street, Hermiston.

10:47 p.m. — A prowler was reported on Northwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

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