

COURTS

Sentences

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

FELONY

•Jedidia Eugene Ingram, 38, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 2 years probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$250 fine, \$2,250 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

•Mark Anthony Davis, 28, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Delivery of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 100 hours community service, \$250 fine, \$1,500 fine-suspended and \$198 restitution, plus 6 months driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to Theft II: sentence to discharge.

•Mario Acosta Andrade, 39, Umatilla, was convicted of 16 counts of Identity Theft: sentenced to 3 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, \$200 fine and \$2,800 fine-suspended for each of two counts, plus \$4,049.61 restitution (14 counts sentence to discharge); was convicted of Aggravated Identity Theft and Theft I: sentences to discharge; pleaded guilty to Failure to Perform Duties of Driver-property damage: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, \$100 fine, \$1,900 fine-suspended, restitution to be determined and 90 days driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

•Erica Madrigal, 25, Umatilla, pleaded no contest to Unlawful Use of Weapon: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, \$200 fine and \$2,800 fine-suspended; pleaded guilty to Use of ESG/Tear Gas/Mace II and Recklessly Endangering Another: sentences to discharge.

MISDEMEANOR

•Gilberto Ramos Llamas, 34, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$2,255 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and

3 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Recklessly Endangering Another Person: sentenced to \$100 fine and 90 days driver's license suspension (sentence to discharge).

•Jose Cardenas Romero, 56, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 2 days jail, 178 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 60 hours community service, \$1,255 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

Suits Filed

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

•Velocity Investments LLC vs. Maria Aguilar: seeks \$7,176.70.

•David John Hodges vs. Good Shepherd Health Care System and Daniel S. Buck M.D.: seeks \$7.43 million.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Mary Spracklen: seeks \$1,123.40.

•Discover Bank vs. Carlos Quintero of Hermiston: seeks \$6,045.15.

•Citibank vs. Quinette I. Mecham of Umatilla: seeks \$5,294.71.

•Discover Bank vs. Charity R. Fenley of Hermiston: seeks \$2,785.30.

•Randy Budau of Salem vs. Trans-West Logistics Inc. (Logistiques Trans-West Inc.), Service Trans-West Inc. and Francois Turgeon of Montreal, Quebec, Canada: seeks \$482,500.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Carrie Horn of Hermiston: seeks \$1,743.25.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Eduviges A. Rodriguez of Hermiston: seeks \$6,004.70.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Brian A. Davis of Hermiston: seeks \$822.49.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Kelley L. Hoskins of Hermiston: seeks \$1,717.44.

•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Eric F. Carlson of Hermiston: seeks \$614.43.

•Credits Inc. vs. Ryan and Amy K. Flores of Stanfield: seeks \$945.95.

•Credits Inc. vs. Rosa Ortiz of Hermiston: seeks \$1,304.28.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jessica Piel of Hermiston: seeks \$651.45.

•Credits Inc. vs. Budd E. Richards of Hermiston: seeks \$9,854.52.

•Credits Inc. vs. Brittany L. Seufert of Irrigon: seeks \$4,656.38.

•Credits Inc. vs. Ernesto Gutierrez and Belen Carrillo Gutierrez of Umatilla: seeks \$2,013.32.

Judgments

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

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Kandi K. Trukositz of Hermiston: judgment for \$587.06.

•TD Bank USA vs. Judith M. Raysor of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,345.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Cynthia C. Robles (Carbajal) and Cruzberto Robles of Hermiston: judgment for \$274.66.

•Credits Inc. vs. Candace and Alexander Honcell of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,192.98.

•Credits Inc. vs. Tammy R. Bair of Umatilla: judgment for \$7,208.47.

•Discover Bank vs. Rebecca J. Day of Umatilla: judgment for \$3,842.44.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Janet M. Doty: judgment for \$2,443.98.

•Credits Inc. vs. Cora Stewart (nka Collier) of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,772.90.

Divorces

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

Courtney M. Lee of Hermiston and Justin G. Lee of Richland, Wash.; Jennifer L. Zwald and Aaron R. Zwald of Hermiston; Joseph Arthur Milliken of Hermiston and Miranda E. Milliken of Portland.

Marriages

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

Jorge Jaimez Ordaz, 40, and Ashlea Dawn Lovett, 29, both of Hermiston.

Bail set for suspect in crash that killed Hermiston girl

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
STAFF WRITER

The man set to be charged with vehicular homicide in a crash that killed a Hermiston girl will likely face felony charges in a Thurston County, Washington, court.

David Willis was released on bail set at \$250,000, and he will be arraigned on Feb. 19.

According to Thurston County court documents, based on interviews with witnesses, investigators have developed probable cause that Willis was operating a vehicle while impaired.

Though Willis' injuries prevented a full evaluation, investigators said Willis told them he had taken several prescription pain medications, and had smoked marijuana earlier in the day. He told troopers that he also suffered from seizures.

Though he had not been charged as of Wednesday morning, a Thurston County deputy district attorney said there was probable cause for Willis to be charged with vehicular homicide and four counts of reckless endangerment.

Natalya Martinez, 16, of Hermiston, was in the car with her mother, who pulled over on the side of the road when she got a flat tire. While waiting for a tow truck, they were joined by family members in another car, and they waited in that car, a Nissan Altima, behind the disabled vehicle.

While they were waiting, Willis, who was driving a Ford Focus, hit the Altima.

Court documents say that multiple witnesses saw Willis driving erratically, and that at one point he left the roadway and drove onto the shoulder in an attempt to pass slower traffic.

He struck the Altima at freeway speeds, causing both vehicles to rotate violently, and the Focus rolled onto the driver's side. The collision pushed the rear bumper and trunk of the Altima up to the rear seat.

Martinez, a Hermiston High School junior, died at the scene, and her mother, Dianna Navejar, was taken to the hospital with injuries.

Willis and his 8-year-old daughter, who was in the car with him, were also injured.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

9:34 a.m. — A caller said a white two-door sports car was doing donuts in the parking lot on West Theater Lane.

9:01 p.m. — There was a suicidal subject at West Highland Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

10:49 a.m. — A woman on East Highland Avenue reported that earlier that morning, a white man was standing in front of her house and staring at it, and she believed he was casing the residence.

10:57 a.m. — A caller said he was trying to ride the Hermiston Hopper to Pendleton, but they refused to let him ride because he had a large backpack. He left his backpack at the bus stop, and came to the police station to ask for options.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

8:48 a.m. — A caller on East Sandstone Avenue said her daughter has been getting harassed and receiving unwanted text messages.

2:51 p.m. — On West Tamarack Avenue, a caller said when she arrived to speak

with a subject, the door was partially open and the place was a mess, and she believes he may be inside somewhere and something is wrong. She asked an officer to come and enter the residence with her.

5:54 p.m. — There was a woman outside screaming for help on Southwest Seventh Street.

7:05 p.m. — On North First Street, a man inside was possibly on drugs or intoxicated.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

9:12 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest 14th Place.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

7:03 a.m. — Hermiston Police investigated the death of a 51 year-old woman who was found to have passed in her sleep on East Main Street, and had a DNR (do not resuscitate) order.

MONDAY, FEB. 11

8:51 a.m. — There was a fight at South First Street.

9:58 a.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at West Highland Avenue.

8:29 p.m. — A suicidal subject was at the Hermiston Police Department.

Lawmakers look to align legal marijuana, workplace

By AUBREY WIEBER
CAPITAL BUREAU

Oregonians would no longer be compelled by employers to avoid off-duty use of marijuana under a proposal being considered at the Legislature.

Legislators also are considering opening the door to exporting the state's marijuana crop, which far exceeds demand in the state.

Senate Bill 379 would make it illegal for employers to tell employees they can't use marijuana outside of work hours. Senate Bill 582 would allow the governor to make agreements to buy and sell marijuana with other states.

The Senate Judiciary Committee heard testimony on both Thursday morning.

Both bills would conflict with federal law, which prohibits marijuana consumption.

While the state allows Oregonians to buy and use marijuana, many Oregon employers don't.

Workers can be fired for testing positive for marijuana. The law revision being proposed would make it illegal to require employ-

ees to refrain from any substance legal in Oregon as a condition of employment. It would continue to allow prohibitions against being impaired at work.

More than a dozen witnesses testified against the proposal, most working in the construction industry.

"You guys are scaring the bejesus out of all my clients," said Darrell Fuller, a lobbyist representing several business associations opposed to the policy change.

Witnesses said workers in the construction sector operate heavy machinery, drive large trucks and do other jobs that require attention and sobriety.

Cristina Reyes, an attorney for construction giant Hoffman Construction Company, said the company has a strict anti-drug policy. Drug testing allows it to catch users of marijuana and other substances. If testing wasn't allowed, those workers could still be on job sites causing a safety hazard.

Marijuana can stay in the system for around a month and there is no test that can easily determine whether

someone is impaired, or just used the substance a few days ago while at home. That's a big concern, Reyes said.

State Sen. James Manning, D-Eugene, asked Reyes if she has heard of issues in the construction sector in places where marijuana is legal, such as Amsterdam. She had not.

Others testified the law would run afoul of federal regulation of some industries, such as truckers who drive with licenses regulated by federal law and are required to take a drug test showing they are free from substances including marijuana.

Rob Bovett, representing the Association of Oregon Counties, said City County Insurance Services estimates more than \$1 million in litigation costs would arise each year if the bill were passed as is.

Casey Houlihan, executive director of the Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association, supported the proposal, saying it's a last step to legalizing marijuana. He said he's open to amendments to make the legislation more clearly about

off-hours consumption and impairment of marijuana.

Ricardo Lujan, a policy associate for the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, said many people who get drug tested at work are working low-wage jobs. The current policy creates a two-tier system favoring the wealthy, whose employers are less likely to drug test. The state should pass the legislation to make the use of marijuana equal for all, he said.

Much less time was spent on possible interstate commerce of marijuana, but those who did testify said if Oregon fails to act now it could be giving up a prosperous future where Oregon would be the de facto home of the marijuana industry.

Right now, federal law prohibits states where marijuana is legal from buying or selling to each other. But as a green wave flows over the country, that will likely change one day. When that happens, Oregon needs to act, marijuana industry representatives said. The legislation just sets the stage for granting the governor the authority to negotiate agreements with other states.

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