

COURTS

Sentences

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

FELONY

•Ronald Joshua Milton Rice, 33, Boardman, pleaded guilty to Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$1,300 fine-suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension.

•Dustin Gene Sanders, 36, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to \$200 fine; pleaded guilty to two counts of Failure to Appear I: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine and \$2,300 fine-suspended, 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):

•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Cody R. Galbreth: seeks \$4,742.19.

•Citibank vs. Yolanda Nunez of Hermiston: seeks \$2,701.47.

•Citibank vs. Sergio Rosales of Hermiston: seeks \$2,948.32.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Kathy Bellamy of Hermiston: seeks \$2,915.34.

•Discover Bank vs. Tandy Schweigart of Echo: seeks \$3,121.99.

•Discover Bank vs. Lamont Prophet of Hermiston: seeks \$4,907.88.

•JH Portfolio Debt Equities LLC vs. Patricia Woods: seeks \$3,429.18

•United Finance Co. vs. Israel Ramirez Mejia of Umatilla: seeks \$2,892.98.

•United Finance Co. vs. Ben-

jamin De La Cruz of Umatilla: seeks \$2,317.05.

•United Finance Co. vs. Manuel Grave Lorenzo of Boardman: seeks \$4,304.25.

•Jordan Beckley of Hermiston vs. Shannon Hensley of Hermiston: seeks \$650

•Credits Inc. vs. Amber C. Seed of Hermiston: seeks \$3,065.79.

•Credits Inc. vs. Roy D. Orcutt of Boardman: seeks \$1,069.87.

•Credits Inc. vs. Silvia and Marcelino Martinez of Hermiston: seeks \$775.25.

•Credits Inc. vs. Lynnea A. Kennedy of Umatilla: seeks \$916.90.

•Credits Inc. vs. Moises Robles and Sofia Aguado of Irrigon: seeks \$693.02.

•Credits Inc. vs. Yaneli Idali Jaime of Hermiston: seeks \$486.62.

•Credits Inc. vs. Brandon Clark (Clarke) of Stanfield: seeks \$541.81.

•Credits Inc. vs. David L. Colbray of Hermiston: seeks \$5,983.80.

•Nationwide Recovery Service Inc. vs. Jolee M. Romanick of Hermiston: seeks \$9,299.37.

•Credits Inc. vs. Gabriel and Martha Y. Torres of Hermiston: seeks \$976.64.

•Arlen Porter Smith vs. State of Oregon, acting by and through the Department of Corrections and the Department of Administrative Services: seeks \$75,000.

•Asset Recovery Group Inc. vs. Bryon N. Demos: seeks \$4,652.28.

•Buttercreek Mobile Home Park vs. Juan Carlos Rangel and Tiana Rangel of Hermiston: seeks \$1,986.89.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Valerie R. Califf of Hermiston: seeks \$308.28.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections inc. vs. Daniel Rhorer of Hermiston: seeks \$283.03.

•Credits Inc. vs. Charles Babcock of Hermiston: seeks

\$458.21.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jamie Bautista of Umatilla: seeks \$2,134.22.

•Credits Inc. vs. Maribel Carrasco Estrada of Hermiston: seeks \$7,545.36.

•Credits Inc. vs. Allen and Katrina Goatley of Hermiston: seeks \$419.13.

Judgments

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

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Juan Hernandez of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,150.87.

•Kalvin B. Garton of Pendleton vs. Michael and Julia DeVerna of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,900.

•Discovery Bank vs. Danny J. Nolan of Umatilla: judgment for \$6,839.46.

•Citibank vs. Abel R. Ocampo of Umatilla: judgment for \$4,102.58.

•Credits Inc. vs. Marilyn K. Haines of Umatilla: judgment for \$10,000.

•Credits Inc. vs. Katelynn Eiden of Hermiston: judgment for \$5,951.50.

•Credits Inc. vs. Daniel C. Almonte of Hermiston: judgment for \$774.72.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Karol M. Westfall of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,061.87.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jesus Diaz of Boardman: judgment for \$4,467.41.

Divorces

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

Danial Ray Durfey and Jody Lynn Durfey of Umatilla.

Marriages

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

Dustin James Estes, 30, and Kimberly Marie Manson, 28, both of Stanfield.

Pablo De Leon.

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EICKSTAEDT — Whitney C. Hoffman and Andrew C. Eickstaedt of Hermiston: a girl, Kierstin Claire Eickstaedt.

ELLIS — Erica Ellis and Matt Ellis of Echo: a boy, Miles Ray Ellis.

SANTANA-BORDEN — Karen Santana Silva and Michael D. Borden of Hermiston: a girl, Mariela Jae Santana-Borden.

MARCH 15, 2019

AYALA RAMIREZ — Betzabeth Ramirez and German Ayala of Hermiston: a girl, Rocio Ayala Ramirez.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
MARCH 12, 2019

BUHL — Rhiannon Imel and Bryce Buhl of Hermiston: a boy, Bryson Buhl.

JUAN JOAQUIN — Sebastiana A. Joaquin Mateo and Jose A. Juan Pablo of Hermiston: a boy, Hector Tomas Juan Joaquin.

LOPEZ — April K. Lopez of Hermiston: a girl, Averleigh Maria Lopez.

MARCH 13, 2019

DE LEON — Martha De Leon and Wilmer De Leon of Hermiston: a boy, Juan

Hermiston man swallows meth, charged with tampering with evidence

By HERMISTON HERALD

A Hermiston man was charged with tampering with physical evidence, after he allegedly swallowed 10 grams of packaged methamphetamine to avoid being caught with drugs in his possession. He was hospitalized.

According to Hermiston Police Department, Mat-

thew Santiago Gilbert was contacted by Hermiston and Umatilla police related to an alleged theft in Umatilla. When they contacted Gilbert, police learned that he had two unrelated warrants for his arrest, both for failure to appear in court. He was arrested, at which time he told officers that he had swallowed the

drugs.

Officers called paramedics, who took Gilbert to Good Shepherd Medical Center. Gilbert remained in the hospital for about 36 hours, and was lodged in the Umatilla County jail upon his release on the warrants, and on a new charge of Tampering with Physical Evidence.

Local flooding swamps yards, roads and more

By PHIL WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Several locations in Umatilla and Morrow counties have experienced flooding this week that started Saturday from fast melting mountain snow.

Umatilla County emergency manager Tom Roberts said Monday afternoon he surveyed the flooding at Noble Road outside Hermiston. He said water from Butter Creek appears to have dumped into a nearby canal.

"Right now, Noble Road is closed for high water," he said.

Roberts said he didn't have an exact depth of the water on the road, but it was enough to reach the grill on high-profile rigs.

"I'm not taking my (Chevrolet)Trailblazer across it, I'll tell you that much," he said.

Westwinds Nursery at 29957 Noble Road is dealing with the high water. Owner Shelia Boettcher said the rising water had yet to level off. Roughly 3 feet of water covered the business' trees section, and the closure of Noble Road means accessing the business from the east is off limits. Westwinds remains open, she said on Monday,



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

High water inundates the bases of trees along the Umatilla River on Monday in Pendleton.

but folks have to come in from with west at Interstate 84 exit 180 or Westland Road.

"We're hoping it will reverse shortly and stop flooding," she said. "It's kind of weird to drive over the freeway and see this huge lake there."

Roberts credited land owners adjacent to Noble Road with using tractors and the like to build berms to help stymie the water. He urged locals living in low areas and flood plains to prepare ahead of time. He said once the water starts flowing in, there's little anyone can do to stop it.

Willow Creek swamped the rodeo arena at the Mor-

row County Fairgrounds, Heppner, and the debris in the creek's high water took out a footbridge at the town's golf course. The Umatilla River also flooded areas around Pendleton.

The National Weather Service predicted typical off-and-on showers this week with temperatures in the 50s and lows in the 30s for lower elevations. Higher elevations, such as La Grande, will have highs into the upper 40s and lower 50s, but overnight lows remaining above freezing. The warmer temperatures and drizzle means the snow pack will continue to run off and fill local creeks and streams.

POLICE LOG

Tuesday, March 19

12:19 p.m. — A man was punching another man in the back of Dairy Queen on North First Street.

3:29 p.m. — On West Orchard Avenue, a 23 year-old female was having an asthma attack and a man was withholding her inhaler.

9:01 p.m. — At Oxbow Trail on Southwest 23rd street and West Orchard Extension, someone reported shots fired.

Wednesday, March 20

1:18 p.m. — On the sidewalk of South Highway 395, a man was grabbing a woman.

1:35 p.m. — On East Jennie Avenue, a caller said she and her husband were in a domestic dispute last night and he shoved her to the ground.

Thursday, March 21

12:16 p.m. — An assault was reported at West Ridgeway Avenue.

Friday, March 22

10:26 p.m. — There was a suicidal subject on West Sandpiper Avenue.

Saturday, March 23

9:41 p.m. — An assault was reported on East Ridgeway Avenue.

Sunday, March 24

3:16 p.m. — A prowler was reported at Northeast Fourth Street.

5:41 p.m. — A suicidal man was running away from his family on West Madrona Avenue.

6:37 p.m. — On North First Street, a bus that sells fish in the parking lot broke loose and rolled into a tree in the parking lot.

Fake card reader found at truck stop near Hermiston

By HERMISTON HERALD

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office alerted recent customers of the the Space Age Travel Center near Hermiston to check their accounts for suspicious activity after the discovery of a fake credit/bank card skimmer. Undersheriff Jim Littlefield said so far no victims have come forward.

Store personnel on March 20 found the phony card skimmer inside the store, the sheriff's office reported. The staff do not know how long the fake device was there or if it affected any customers.

The device consisted of a clear screen, scanner and a duplicate keypad attached to a card reader next to a register inside the store.

"It looks authentic," according to the sheriff's office. "On the inside of the device are electronic components, including a battery and a device that reads the magnetic strip on a credit/debit."

And the keypad could capture pin

numbers.

Littlefield said there were no other fake card readers at the Space Age, including on the gas pumps, and no others businesses in the county has reported the devices. Thieves in the Tri-Cities used skimmers in February to rip off at least \$100,000 from 215 accounts, according to the *Tri-City Herald*.

The sheriff's office warned these theft devices are becoming more sophisticated. Customers need to examine devices for signs of tampering or anything that looks out of place before using it, such as a loose card reader device or keypad, cracks, dents or other damage, different colors on the machine, and tape or glue.

The sheriff's office also advised the use of a credit card with a chip because those are less likely to be skimmed.

For further information on how to spot and avoid card skimmers, the sheriff's office referred to this article from PC Magazine: <http://bit.ly/2JvLBf6>

PET OF THE WEEK

Patch came into rescue after Pet Rescue contacted us about a dog brought into the shelter with a broken leg. He needed surgery for a double fractured leg and now has a fixator on his leg for 8 weeks. He is approx. a year old. Very sweet, playful little guy. Loves both cats and dogs. He will be up for adoption once healed. If you are interested in Patch please fill out an application. We can arrange for meets during his recovery time.



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