

Umatilla man sentenced for strangling victim near children

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A Umatilla man was sentenced May 28 to time served, having already served 22 months in custody, plus three years supervised release for strangling his significant other in the presence of their four children.

According to court documents, Joel Malcom Salt, 29, a Navajo Indian, violated a tribal protective order in April 2017, by going to the crime victim's house. The woman is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, who lives on the

reservation with their four children.

When Salt arrived at the house, he grabbed the victim by her hair, threw her to the ground in front of their children and dragged her to the bedroom. Once in the bedroom, Salt pinned the victim to the floor, punched her and strangled her, causing her to lose consciousness several times.

To divert his attention, the woman told Salt their children probably left the house to tell her father, who lived next door. When Salt went to check, she escaped out a window.

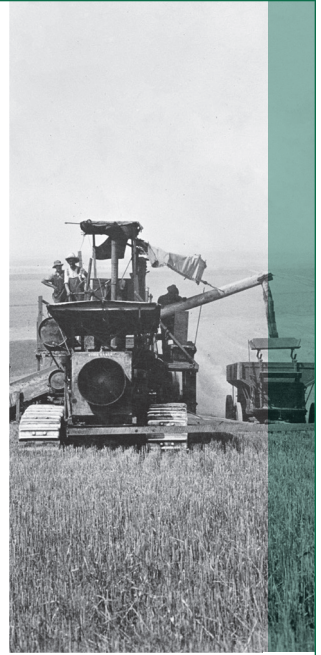
A federal grand jury in Portland returned a one-

count indictment in June 2017, charging Salt with assault by strangulation. He pleaded guilty to the charge in November 2018.

During sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Anna J. Brown ordered Salt to attend an intensive batterer's intervention program and to undergo substance abuse and mental health treatment. Among other conditions of supervision, Salt is prohibited from entering the Umatilla Indian Reservation or contacting the woman and their children without advance approval of his probation officer and notice to the United States Attorney's Office.

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•Thomas Wayne Fritz, 34, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Strangulation: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 90 sanction unit, 30 maximum jail units, \$250 fine and \$1,750 fine-suspended.

•Ruben Ramirez Jr., 59, Hermiston, was convicted of DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,000 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; was convicted of Recklessly Endangering Another Person and Reckless Driving: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension for each count; was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 15 days jail, 165 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units and \$2,000 fine-suspended.

Suits Filed

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

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Maria Gonzalez of Hermiston: seeks \$1,240.04.

•United Finance Co. vs. Armando Semora Baragan of Boardman: seeks \$3,422.70.

•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Anthony L. Abdich: seeks \$20,840.90.

•Capital One Bank vs. Lincoln C. Barnett of Hermiston: seeks \$2,416.73.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Yolanda Martinez (Campos) of Irrigon and Juan Martinez of Hermiston: seeks \$1,399.10.

•OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Alea A. Strouse: seeks \$16,368.77.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Ines Tenorio of Hermiston: seeks \$879.76.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Jesus Serrano of Hermiston: seeks \$856.85.

Judgments

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

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Jennifer Johnson of Hermiston: judgment for \$506.76.

•Credits Inc. vs. Erika Minton of Hermiston: judgment for \$6,440.26.

•Credits Inc. vs. Anna Marrietta of Irrigon: judgment for \$2,157.39.

•Credits Inc. vs. Roselie Ramirez of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,821.67.

•Credits Inc. vs. Teddy L. Collier of Boardman: judgment for \$595.15.

•Credits Inc. vs. Kimberly L. Brown of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,758.51.

•United Finance Co. vs. Tomas Cortez of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,667.22.

•United Finance Co. vs. Odilon Villagrana of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,709.25.

•Webcollex LLC dba CKS Financial vs. Thomas Barnett of Hermiston: judgment for \$6,761.45.

•Credits Inc. vs. Joanna Eby and James Emy of Stanfield: judgment for \$621.81.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Michael J. Logan and Chelsey Lancaster of Hermiston: judgment for \$364.52.

Divorces

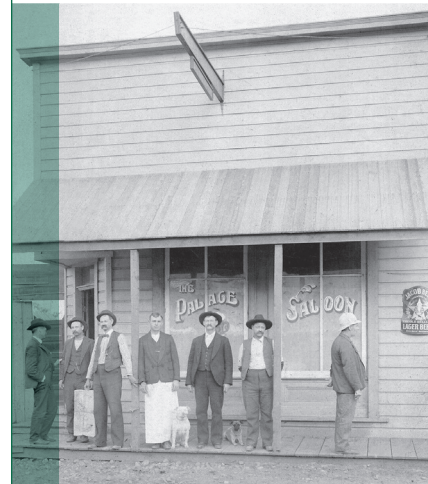
PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Larry Louthan Rasmussen and Sandra Liberty Rasmussen of Hermiston; Dan Ray Tuinstra of Umatilla and Cindy Tuinstra of Indianapolis, Ind.; Miranda Kay Bloom of Pendleton and Jason Lynn Bloom of Hermiston; Donna Rae Hoadley of Umatilla and Eugene Elmer Hoadley of La Grande; Russell Norman Findley of Hermiston and Brandy Michelle Findley of Umatilla.



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Umatilla County Historical Society
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