

From the Sheriff's Desk . . .

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911, the local defense bar, State Senator Betsy Johnson, your county commissioners and your sheriff's office.

Representatives from this group will consult with the county commissioners over a plan that will be coming from the sheriff, county counsel and district attorney to provide for the matrix release of inmates from custody when the jail exceeds its operational capacity.

Most jails in Oregon have such a plan, and a number of them utilize their plans often. Washington County has a matrix plan that they have not had to use this year. Clatsop and Multnomah counties matrix inmates out almost daily.

The matrix will be based upon a scoring system designed to keep the most serious offenders locked up – releasing them in order based upon their scores. The most serious offenders have the highest scores and are the last to be let out. The matrix system is the common plan for releasing inmates under the Oregon law designed to ease jail crowding.

For Columbia County, the issue is not in too few beds, but in not having enough staff and other resources to operate the facility according to constitutional standards. We have to have enough resources to provide for the safety and security of staff and inmates. The more inmates

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Vernonia Justice Court

September 6 - 13, 2011

Traffic..... 12
Game..... 15



Police/Court Abbreviations

Abbreviations: A&D, Alcohol & Drug; DUII, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; BUII, Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants; CCSO, Columbia County Sheriff's Office; DWS, Driving While License is Suspended; MIP, Minor In Possession of Intoxicants; MV, Motor Vehicle Accident; PCS, Possession of Controlled Substance; ODL, Oregon Driver License; FTA, Failure to Appear in Court; NTSI, National Traffic Safety Institute; DA, District Attorney; VIP, Victim Impact Panel; FF&A, Fines, Fees and Assessments.

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