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# 80th Direct Capture for Odin!

West Side Bunker Hill, CCSO release - On 04/19/2019 at approximately 5:42 pm a Coos County Sheriff's Deputy contacted two individuals trespassing on private property located off West Beaver Hill near Hemlock Lane. During the investigation it was learned one of the individuals had provided a false name. An investigation revealed the suspects name was actually 55 year old Barbara L. Rodriguez of North Bend OR. Mrs. Rodriguez fled from the Deputy on foot while he was working with Dispatch to determine her identity. After learning of Mrs. Rodriguez's correct name a record check revealed she had four outstanding felony warrants for her arrest, ranging from Failing to Appear in the first degree to Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Coos County Sheriff K-9 Odin was brought to the scene and conducted a criminal apprehension track ultimately locating Mrs. Rodriguez hiding in extremely thick vegetation. Mrs. Rodriguez was taken into custody and transported to the Coos County Jail where she is being held on the several warrants. This marks K9 Odis's 80th direct capture during his service with the Coos County Sheriff's Office.

## Quilled in the Line of Duty

Barview, CCSO release - INFO TO BE RELEASED: On 04/20/19 at approximately 6:04 pm a Coos County Sheriff's Deputy spotted a known wanted subject with several felony warrants on Evergreen Lane in the Barview Area. The subject was identified as 29 year old Devin J. Wilson of Coos Bay, who sub-



Odin suffered a mouthful of Quills while pursuing a suspect.



Devin Wilson

sequently fled from the Deputy on foot. Coos County Sheriff K9 Odin was called to the scene to conduct a criminal apprehension track for the suspect. During a very long active track, Odin encounter a porcupine in the path, and was struck with over 200 quills. Several of the quills went inside Odin's mouth and two near his left eye. The track was immediately suspended and Odin was rushed to

the vet at Hansen-Meekins Animal Hospital where he was sedated and treated for over two hours on the night before Easter. The Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance in locating Mr. Wilson as he has committed new crimes and still has outstanding warrants. Earlier in the day, Odin attended a "meet the public" event, where he interacted with kids and the public at a local Easter egg hunt. The Sheriff's Office would like to offer thanks to the staff at Hansen-Meekins for their dedication and professional care, as well as to the public for the outpouring of support for K9 Odin.

## Heroin Arrest is Odin's 81st, & the Month is not over!

Travis Ln./Barview, CCSO report - On April 25, 2019 at approximately 1:50 a.m. a Coos County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on Travis Lane near S. Barview Road in Coos County as a result of witnessing several traffic violations. The Deputy contacted the driver who was identified as 35 year old Kyle L. Golden of Coos Bay. A record check of Mr. Golden revealed he was Suspended - Misdemeanor, making it a crime for him to be driving the vehicle. Mr. Golden acted in a suspicious manner during the traffic stop and subsequently

## Front Cover

It's been quite a month for Odin the Coos Co. Sheriff's Office top K9. And, it is not an easy task, check out the quills Odin picked up while chasing No. 80. He has recovered and is already back at work nabbing No. 81 & No. 82.

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**Kyle Golden**

left the location after being given a court date for driving and being told his vehicle would be towed as he could not legally drive in Oregon. After Mr. Golden left the area, Deputies observed Heroin in plain sight inside the vehicle. Deputies called for the assistance of Coos County K-9 Odin to conduct a criminal apprehension track. Odin located Mr. Golden about two blocks away. Mr. Golden was taken into custody without incident. Mr. Golden was transported to the Coos County Jail on the charges of DWS (Misdemeanor) and Unlawful Possession of Heroin. Additional charges are possible after deputies apply for a search warrant to search the vehicle Mr. Golden was driving. This apprehension

marks K-9 Odin's 81st capture as a patrol K-9 with the Coos County Sheriff's Office.

### Armed Robbery in Empire

CBPD release - The Coos Bay Police Department responded to a reported armed robbery at the Chevron Gas Station at 975 Newmark Ave. on 4-14-2019. The call came in at 2:21 am from the attendant stating he had been robbed by an armed subject. The victim described the suspect as male wearing a grey beanie cap covering his face, camouflage jacket, and blue jeans. The suspect was further described as approximately 5'11" and about 180 pounds. The suspect pointed a silver colored handgun at the clerk and demanded money. The suspect fled the area north bound with an undisclosed amount of currency. The clerk was unharmed. Officers searched the area with the assistance of a CCSO K9 but were unable to locate the suspect. The suspect has not been located and citizens with information are encouraged to call the Coos Bay Police Department. Please contact the Coos Bay Police Department with any information at (541) 269-8911.

### UPDATE: Robbery Investigation Closed

CBPD release - On Thursday, February



**Brandon Bryce Dawson**

7, 2019, the Coos Bay Police Department investigated an armed robbery that occurred in the Cranberry Sweets parking lot in the Empire district of Coos Bay. The investigation identified Brandon Bryce Dawson, 26, of Orland, California, as the suspect. Efforts were made to locate and arrest Dawson, however, it appeared Dawson had fled the Coos Bay area and was hiding-out in the

area of Orland, California. **UPDATED INFORMATION:** On Friday, April 19, 2019, the Coos Bay Police Department was notified by California authorities that Dawson had been reported as a missing person by his family on March 10th, and the subsequent investigation into his disappearance revealed Dawson had been killed after he was involved in a dispute with several subjects regarding illegal drugs. His murder is under investigation by the Glenn County Sheriff's Office. Due to this information, the Coos Bay Police Department will be closing its investigation into Dawson. Links to two California news articles: <https://www.chicoer.com/2019/04/19/2631054/> <https://www.actionnewsnow.com/content/news/Orland-missing-persons-case-now-a-homicide-508832781.html> (this article contains a link to the Glenn County Sheriff's Office press release)

### Forgery Attempt

An attempt to pass a forged check at a North Bend bank at closing Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, led to the arrest of two suspects and the discovery counterfeiting materials and drugs. According to a news release from North Bend Police





Samuel Senner



Allyson Thompson

Dept., the attempted crime at the Umpqua Bank branch on Broadway Ave., was reported to police at 5:05 p.m. by bank employees. The male & female, later identified as 34-year old Samuel Senner, Springfield, & 38-year old Allyson Thompson, Kappaa, Hawaii, allegedly attempted to pass a forged check. Police contacted the two and “were able to confirm that the check they were attempting to cash was fraudulent and was connected to an earlier report of fraudulent account activity from the legitimate account holders.” A “significant” amount of methamphetamine was discovered during a search and the two were placed in custody, transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille. A search warrant was obtained for their room at the Super 8 motel in Coos Bay. “During the search, further evidence of Counterfeiting, Forgery, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, Identity Theft, Criminal Possession of a Forgery Device and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine were seized.” The two reportedly “have since continued to commit crimes of Theft and Fraud in our area. Citizens and business owners should remain vigilant.”

**Assault Suspect Deceased**

CCSO release - On April 12th, 2019 at about 1:48 AM, Coos County Deputies

were dispatched to Hummingbird Lane in North Bend for a report of an assault. While en route, Deputies were notified that the suspect had left the residence prior to their arrival. Dispatch also advised the suspect had a dog with him when he left the residence. North Bend Police Department responded after a request for mutual aid. While searching the area for the suspect, Deputies found the dog under the McCullough bridge, standing on a small ledge. Two Deputies and Officers from North Bend continued the search, while one Deputy responded to the residence for investigative purposes. While at the residence, the Deputy learned that the victim had offered the man, later identified as Damien E. Austin a place to stay for the night. The victim explained that she had turned away from the suspect, who had grabbed her from behind and had her in a choke hold, cutting off her air supply. The victim showed signs of an altercation, exhibiting abrasions to her neck and arms, as well as some small evidence of bleeding. After confirming the victim did not require further medical care, the Deputy left the residence to continue the search. A Coos County Marine Deputy was called out, as was the Coast Guard and the North Bend Fire Department, who responded in a boat to search the waters, with another North Bend Officer on board. North Bend Fire was able to find the dog, who was rescued safely and transported to the Coos County Animal Shelter safely. Despite continuing the search into daylight hours, Officers were unable to find the suspect. At about 6:00 PM on April 16th, Deputies responded to recover Mr. Damien, who had been located deceased in the water under the McCullough Bridge.

**Structure Fire**

Quail Rd., CCSO release - On April 8th, 2019 at about 4:50 AM, Hauser Fire was dispatched to a structure fire of a multi-level, single family home located at 66598 Quail Rd in North Bend. A female (whose name is being withheld pending investigation) escaped the fire and called 911. She did not require medical attention at the time. A male who was thought to be in the home is still unaccounted for. The state fire marshal has been called in, and will investigate the source of the fire.

**Englewood Fire**

CBFD Release - On April 9, 2019 at 11:12 pm, Coos Bay Fire Department received reports of a heavily involved structure fire in the Englewood District of Coos Bay. Initial reports to the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center reported that there was a large amount of fire on the front of the



Late night fire in the Englewood District of Coos Bay April 9th.

structure, but all occupants were evacuated. The first arriving crews were on scene in just over six minutes from the initial call to 1355 Washington Ave. They found heavy fire involvement on the front porch of the structure, and it had spread to a nearby travel trailer. Fire crews were able to quickly knock down the majority of the fire; but due to multiple additions and remodels, the fire was not completely under control for roughly 20 minutes. To fully extinguish the fire, crews had to breach through multiple layers of ceiling material to ensure full extinguishment. After the fire was extinguished, a fire investigation

was conducted by Coos Bay Fire Department personnel. The exact cause of the fire is currently undetermined, but the fire is considered accidental in nature. Damage to the structure is estimated at \$50,000, and the property was not insured. Crews were on scene for just under three hours for the fire suppression efforts and investigation. Coos Bay Fire Department was assisted on scene by Coos Bay Police Department and Pacific Power.

**Wok Fire**

Safeway in North Bend was closed Thursday, April 25, after an accidental oil fire in the Deli Section of the 24-hour

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store on Virginia Ave. According to reports, an employee left a Wok with oil in it unattended. It caught fire about 12:40 p.m. Firefighters from both North Bend & Coos Bay were summoned to the scene. The fire was contained to the kitchen area, but reportedly spread to the roof. While the store reopened Friday, the Deli remains closed.

### NBPD Options

North Bend Police Chief Robert Kappelman has offered an overview of his department's costs, the budget shortfall, and options to funding police coverage ranging from maintaining the current level with more money, to not funding a department at all and contracting out law enforcement services. The following options were dated March 25, 2019.

**Current Operational Environment:** • 75% of patrol shifts are covered with 3 or more officers; • 44% reduction in overtime costs (and hours); • Increased presence; • Patrol (10-hour schedule with overlaps -30-hour workdays in 24 hours); • Investigations (28-day delay is now under 24 hours); • Response to ALL calls for service; • Results; • 53.3% reduction in property crime (2018 vs. 2017); • 36.7% reduction in violent crime (2018 vs. 2017). **Option A – Overview:** • Lay off 9 patrol officers and 1 dispatcher (Budgetary Savings - \$1.032M); • Reduce service coverage from 24 hours to 16 (7am –11pm); •



NBPD Chief Robert F. Kappelman.

still be answered; • Traffic crashes not involving injury or road blockage will not require a response. **Option B – Overview:** • Lay off 9 patrol officers and 1 dispatcher (Budgetary Savings - \$1.032M); • Reduce service coverage from 24 hours to 16 (7am –11pm); • Negotiate paid-on-call status for NBPD off-duty officers; • Contract CCSO dispatch to answer 911 calls between 11pm –7am; • NBPD officers answer emergent calls between 11pm –7 am (from home in an off-duty status -\*Officers live within 30 minutes of city); • Unknown contractual cost (restriction of personal time); • Significant increase in overtime costs (2500 emergent CFS x 3-hour call-back x 2-officers x \$52.26/hour average = \$783,900 or 581% increase in OT); • Will require 6 additional layoffs/reduced hours to cover contractual costs (only \$228K available) or a renegotiation of call-in costs (unrealistic expectation); • Non-emergent calls to NBPD would get message system to call back after 7 am. **Option B –Service Impact:** • Non-emergent calls to NBPD would get message system to call back after 7 am.; • Emergent calls during night shift would be answered with a 12-42 minute response time. • All property crimes would be reported via fillable forms, unless: • Also involves a persons crime (i.e. robbery); • Involves an in-progress crime (i.e. burglar is in the home). **Option C – Overview:** • Lay off 10 patrol officers (Budgetary Savings - \$1.056M); • 24-hour coverage with all 2-person shifts; • Significant restrictions on service calls; •

Contract with Coos County Sheriff; • CCSO dispatch answers 911 calls between 11pm – 7am; • CCSO deputies answer emergent calls between 11pm – 7 am (unknown availability); • Unknown contractual cost; • No control over contractual costs; • May require additional layoffs/reduced hours to cover contractual costs (only \$228K available); • Non-emergent calls to NBPD would get message system to call back after 7 am.; • Daytime operations would remain similar to current conditions with some restrictions on response to certain types of crime. **Option A –Service Impact:** • Non-emergent calls to NBPD would get message system to call back after 7 am.; • Emergent calls during night shift would be answered with an unknown response time and an unknown number of officers (could be 3 minutes or 1 hour+). •Slight restriction on day-time calls answered/investigated; • Property crimes involving <\$100 loss reported via fillable form (no investigation); • Property crimes involving <\$1000 loss with no suspects reported via fillable form (no investigation); • Property crimes involving persons crimes will

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Will require renegotiation of salaries/benefits. **Option C –Service Impact:** • 24/7/365 limited police service; • All property crimes would be reported via fillable forms, unless: • Also involves a persons crime (i.e. robbery); • Involves an in-progress crime (i.e. burglar is in the home); • No response to traffic crashes not involving injury or road blockage; • 28-day delay in investigation of serious persons crimes. **Option D:** • Dissolve North Bend Police Department; • Contract all law enforcement services to another law enforcement agency (unknown cost). Recommended Action; • Maintain service levels at current levels; • Continue to implement the community-oriented policing model with our “Go the Distance” mission, resulted in historically low crime levels; • Maintain public safety fee • Review fee amount every budget cycle; • Adjust as necessary annually.

### 3 Impaired drivers arrested by Coos Bay Police in March

CBPD release - In March the Coos Bay Police Department arrested two drivers who were under the influence of alcohol. One additional driver was arrested after police determined that they were under the influence of a controlled substance. The two alcohol related DUII arrests occurred during regular patrols. The DUII arrest involving a controlled sub-

stance occurred on a DUII enforcement overtime shift funded by Oregon Impact and ODOT. A Coos Bay Police Officer also worked a DUII enforcement shift on March 16 over the St. Patricks Day holiday weekend however no DUII arrests were made during that operation. The Coos Bay Police Department will have additional officers out periodically throughout the month of April for DUII enforcement.

## Coos Co.

### Meth Bust

CCSO report - On Tuesday April 23rd, 2019 a Coos County Deputy working with the South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT) discovered the possible whereabouts of a Methamphetamine dealer in the Charleston boat basin. Personnel from the United State’s Coast Guard, Coos County Parole and Probation, and the Coos County Sheriff’s Office all aided in the investigation. 57 year old Roger McPherson Jr. was contacted by his Probation Officer at the door of his boat, which was also his residence, in the boat basin. Mr. McPherson



Rodger McPherson

refused to cooperate and was placed under arrest for a probation violation. Mr. McPherson began to fight with both his probation officer and another probation officer that was present. Prior to this altercation Mr. McPherson threw a black bag into the water of the bay. Coos County Deputies and a team from the USCG swiftly aided the probation officers in taking Mr. McPherson into custody, and recovering the black bag. The bag was later discovered to contain close

to two ounces of methamphetamine. Mr. McPherson was transported to the Coos County Jail where he was lodged for multiple charges including possession of Methamphetamine, and interfering with a peace officer.

### Hwy. 42 Accident

Four people were transported to Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay Friday afternoon, April 5, following a single-vehicle accident just south of the Hwy. 101 & Hwy. 42 interchange south of the Bay Area. According to reports, 55-year old Felix Maxwell attempted to pass another vehicle at a high-rate of speed and the Mercury Marauder left the roadway. Two of the occupants had to be extricated.

### Burglary

Baker Creek Ln, Powers - On the morning of April 10th, 2019 Coos County Deputies and Officers from the Myrtle Point Police Department were notified of a burglary in progress in a barn on a property located at 95467 Baker Creek Lane in Powers. Responding Officers and Deputies were notified while en route multiple suspects had fled the scene in two separate vehicles. Both vehicles were described as Jeep SUV’s, one silver, the other blue. The vehicles

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(l-r) Todd Flowers, Robert Harris, Donovan Martinez and Cathlene Blanton.

were driving toward Myrtle Point on Highway 242. The vehicles were located, and four individuals: 54 year old Todd Flowers, 55 year old Robert Harris, 22 year old Donovan Martinez, and 46 year old Cathlene Blanton were detained while the investigation was conducted. Deputies at the barn discovered the group had arrived late the night prior and entered the barn through an unlocked door. The group set up camp chairs, and spent the night in the barn. There was also a travel trailer moved into the barn, which the suspects claimed belonged to a fifth individual authorities have not been able to locate. Robert Harris, one of the suspects, claimed he'd been giving permission to enter the barn by a man he met at the hollering place in Coos Bay. This man reportedly told Robert Harris there was a

“cabin” around mile post 14 on Highway 242, and he was allowed to stay inside. The owner of the barn, a 74 year old woman out of Powers, told Deputies she'd given no one permission to be in the barn, and wished to press charges against the group. Upon completing the investigation, Coos County Deputies took the four suspects into custody. They were transported to the Coos County Jail where they were lodged for Burglary in the second degree, Criminal Trespass in the second degree, and Criminal Mischief in the second degree.

### Strangulation Charge

Lakeside, CCSO report - On March 29, 2019, at approximately 9:44 PM, a Coos County Sheriff's Deputy was notified of a domestic assault from a male caller located at 1000 Railroad Ave. in Lake-

side. Deputies arrived at the scene to a man with visible scratches to his neck, which were beginning to welt up. It was discovered there had been a verbal altercation, which escalated into physical violence between 35 year old Shauna L. Bogart and the male caller. After an investigation, it was determined Shauna L. Bogart had strangled the caller to the point in which he felt he was going to pass out, and prevented him leaving when he attempted to do so. It was also discovered the altercation took place in the presence of a minor child in the home. Shauna was arrested and transported to the Coos County Jail for Coercion, Strangulation and Domestic Assault in the Fourth Degree (Felony). During the course of the investigation, Shauna's husband, 37 year old Robert Bogart attempted to prevent Deputies

from performing their duties by denying them access to the crime scene. Robert placed his body between the Deputies and the opening and would not move. Subsequently, Robert was arrested and transported to the Coos County Jail for Interfering with a Peace Officer and for Resisting Arrest.

### Theft II

Cape Arago Hwy., CCSO report - On April 13, 2019, at approximately 10:48 AM, Coos County Sheriff Deputies were notified of a dispute between two females at 91135 Cape Arago Highway in Coos Bay. When Deputies arrived at the scene, one female was holding a second female in a headlock on the ground. The Deputies separated the two parties and began to question each female involved. The female who was being held down

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**Alejandra Salcedolozeau**

identified herself as Alejandra Salcedolozeau. After being told she was not free to leave, and upon the request of a warrant check of Alejandra, Alejandra attempted to flee the crime scene on foot. A Deputy gave chase and caught Alejandra a short distance later while Alejandra was attempting to enter a trailer at Seaport RV Park in Charleston. While the Deputy was attempting to detain Alejandra, Alejandra continued to try to enter the trailer as well as pull away from the Deputy. After a brief struggle, the Deputy was able to detain Alejandra without further incident. After an investigation, it was determined Alejandra Salcedolozeau had stolen a purse from the other female involved. In an attempt to regain her property, the other female held down Alejandra until Deputies arrived on scene. While struggling to hold Alejandra, it was discovered that Alejandra bit the female in the hand, causing injury. Subsequently, Alejandra was arrested and transported to the Coos County Jail for an active warrant, theft in the second degree, assault in the fourth degree, escape in the third degree and resisting Arrest.

**DUII**

Cape Arago Hwy., CCSO report - On March 31st, 2019 at approximately 9:32 PM, Coos County Sheriff's Deputies along with Oregon State Police, re-

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sponded to 91047 Cape Arago Hwy. Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon 97420, for a report of a possible assault. Upon arrival, one of the involved subjects was contacted in a vehicle trying to leave the area. As a result of the investigation, it was determined 75 year old Willie Bell of Coos Bay Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII). Willie was transported to the Coos County jail, where he was booked and lodged on the



**Willie Bell**

charge of DUII. Willie was later cited and released on the above charge.

**Douglas Co.**

**K9 Capture Douglas Co.**

On April 25th, 2019 just after 0200 hours Officers with the Myrtle Creek Police Department attempted to apprehend a fugitive on Weaver Road. The suspect, 24 year old Steven Largent, jumped out of the vehicle he was driving, ran down an embankment, and

through brush. A perimeter was established by Myrtle Creek PD and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and K9 Nike with the Roseburg Police Department was called to assist. K9 Nike tracked Largent along the railroad tracks and up a hill, where he was found hiding in some tall grass. Largent refused to cooperate or come out, so K9 Nike was sent in and performed a biting capture of Largent, who was detained without further incident. Largent was lodged at Douglas County Corrections.

**Missing Winston Woman Found Deceased**

SUTHERLIN, Ore. - On Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 1:10 pm, Douglas County Emergency Communications received a report from Weyerhaeuser that an employee located a van with a deceased female inside on their property out Nonpareil Road. Deputies responded and were shown to the area where the van was located. Deputies identified the van and female inside to be that of Geraldine Donna Galer of Winston.

Galer was 77 at the time she went missing in December of 2018. The Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office is conducting a death investigation. At this time, there are no indications of foul play. Next of kin has been notified.

**SAR Body Recovery Douglas Co.**

TOKETEE, Ore. - The body of 30 year-old Jeffery A. Vance was located by Search and Rescue on Sunday, April 14, 2019. Searchers had returned to the Clear Water area on Sunday, where Vance went missing at the beginning of February, to continue efforts to locate him. Search efforts had previously been hindered by heavy snowfall. At approximately 11:50 am, Vance was located by a Douglas County Search and Rescue volunteer. The Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office is conducting a death investigation. There are no immediate indications of foul play. Next of kin has been notified.

**Heroin - DINT Bust**

On Tuesday, April 9th, 2019, DINT arrested 29 year old Rickey Whitehurst of Winston on numerous charges. Whitehurst had been wanted for over a year, having outstanding warrants for his arrest for Failure to Appear on the crimes of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Attempting to Elude an Officer, Reckless Driving, and Interfering with a Police

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**Rickey Whitehurst**

Whitehurst's residence a short distance away, also in the 200 block of NW Civil Bend Avenue in Winston. DINT detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence and during the search, DINT seized almost a half pound of brown powder heroin (commonly known as "Gunpowder" heroin), a small amount of white powder heroin (commonly known as "China White"), approximately one ounce of methamphetamine, a small amount of cocaine, a loaded 9mm semi-automatic handgun, a large amount of cash, and a substantial amount of other narcotics related evidence. Whitehurst's residence is in close proximity to McGovern Elementary School in Winston. There are special statutes related to certain controlled substance crimes that occur within 1,000 feet of a school, and some of those apply in this case. Whitehurst was transported to the Douglas County Jail where he was lodged on the outstanding warrants for his arrest, as well as the following new charges: Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapon; Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine; Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine; Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine within 1,000' of a School; Unlawful Possession of Heroin; Unlawful Delivery of Heroin; Unlawful Delivery of Heroin within 1,000' of a School; Unlawful Possession of Cocaine; Tessa Smithey was lodged at the Douglas County Jail and charged with the following crimes: Unlawful Possession of Heroin; Parole Violation. DINT was assisted in this case by the Winston Police Department, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and the Roseburg Police Department, specifically with their drug detection K-9, Trapp.

Officer. In addition to being a wanted individual, DINT had credible information Whitehurst had been distributing large amounts of drugs from his Winston area home and began an investigation that lasted more than two months. The investigation culminated Tuesday evening when DINT arrested Whitehurst in his vehicle in the 200 block of NW Civil Bend Avenue in Winston at approximately 7:00 PM. Another occupant of the vehicle, 20 year old Tessa Smithey of Sutherlin was also arrested. Both were found to be in possession of small amounts of heroin. DINT immediately followed up the arrests with a search of



**Tessa Smithey**

**Traffic Stop/Drug Bust**

A traffic stop Monday evening resulted in the arrest of two people in a stolen vehicle. A deputy made a traffic stop at 5:25 pm on a 2018 Ford Van owned by U-Haul for speeding. The deputy learned during the course of the traffic stop that the vehicle was stolen. The driver, 32



**DINT bust in Winston netted drugs, cash & weapons.**

year-old Nicholas Charles Slead of Tacoma, Washington, was taken into custody. The passenger, 30 year-old Elisa Nicole Gill of Gresham, was also taken into custody on an arrest warrant. During a subsequent search of the vehicle, deputies located methamphetamine and heroin. Slead and Gill were transported to the Douglas County Jail where they were lodged on the following charges: Slead: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle; Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine; Unlawful Possession of Heroin. Gill: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle; Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine; Unlawful Possession

**Shooting Investigation Douglas Co.**

MYRTLE CREEK, Ore. - Detectives are investigating a shooting which took place Sunday night in the 14000-block of Old Highway 99 South. At 8:01 PM, dispatchers received a report of a male who had been shot by a female. The male, sustained a life-threatening injury and was transferred to Mercy Medical Center by ambulance. He was later transferred to an undisclosed hospital for further care. The Douglas County Major Crimes Team was activated and the investigation is continuing. There is no

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### Marine Board Seeking Information

GLIDE, Ore. - On Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 4:10 pm, Douglas County 9-1-1 received a report that a 9 year-old child observed a man in the North Umpqua River clinging to a log and yelling for help near Colliding Rivers viewpoint. The man was described as wearing a bright orange shirt. The Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Division responded along with resources from Search and Rescue, Douglas County Fire District #2 and Glide Fire Department. A search of the area was unsuccessful in locating the reported victim. Due to hazardous water flows, search efforts from boat had to be suspended for safety concerns. At this

time, the Sheriff's Office is seeking information from the public. Anyone who observed the incident who has not yet spoken to deputies is asked to call 541-440-4471. There have been no missing person reports from the area.

### Officer Involved Shooting Update

On March 9th, 2019 law enforcement personnel from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police were involved in a shooting on Grant Smith Road in Douglas County. During that incident the suspect died, but due to a fire in the vehicle, the decedent was not able to be positively identified. On March 20th, 2019 a Douglas County Grand Jury was convened and heard facts from the case. That Grand

Jury determined the Use of Force by law enforcement personnel was justified. On March 21st, 2019, the District Attorney held a press conference and disclosed to the media the evidence supporting the Grand Jury's decision. This update is to inform you of the identity of the decedent, which was confirmed through DNA comparison. The suspect has been positively identified by the State Medical Examiner's Office as 25 year old Kristopher Angel Haynes. Next of kin have been notified. Haynes was believed to be transient at the time of the incident and travelling from Eugene to California. There will be no further updates regarding this case.

darkness began to fall, an ATV team was retrieving a K9 search team from their mission area and noticed a human form on a clear cut about 500 meters away. The subject did not respond to yelling or signalling. The nearby ground search team was re-tasked to make contact with the subject, but had difficulty reaching him due to hazardous terrain. The ground search team reached the subject and confirmed he was the missing 83 year-old. On-site personnel determined the man was unable to walk out due to medical and terrain considerations. A US Coast Guard helicopter was dispatched to the location to airlift the man to the hospital. SAR personnel and the Coast Guard rescue swimmer packaged the man in a folding stretcher in preparation to be hoisted by the helicopter. Darkness, close proximity to trees, and updrafts from the steep terrain made the hoisting operating difficult. The Coast Guard helicopter burned significant fuel while expertly hovering above the responders. After hoisting the man, the aircrew advised SAR personnel they did not have enough fuel for another hoisting operation for the rescue swimmer. The rescue swimmer hiked out with the SAR personnel and was expedited back to the Coast Guard facility. During the mission, SAR personnel traveled over 60 miles either on foot or searching via ATV. Two new ATVs purchased through a grant from the Siletz Tribe were instrumental in the successful resolution of this search. Sheriff Curtis Landers said of the operation: "Steadfast dedication from our Search and Rescue volunteers and strong community partnerships are what saved this individual's life. Thank you to the US Coast Guard, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Pacific West Ambulance, and our amazing volunteers."

## Oregon Coast

### Successful SAR Central Coast

LCSSO release - On April 20th, at approximately 7:30 PM, Lincoln County Search and Rescue (SAR) had just finished successfully locating a missing subject in the Yachats area when they were re-deployed to find a missing 83 year-old male in the South Beach area. SAR personnel began searching the area on foot and via ATV, but were unsuccessful during the first day. Search efforts continued on April 21st and lasted the entire day. Two K9 teams from Lane County Search and Rescue arrived to assist the Lincoln County teams. As

### Transient Arrested on Central Coast

On Wednesday, 04-17-2019, Lincoln City Police arrested 26 year-old Alan Michael Shane Gates of Lincoln City on a misdemeanor warrant for Failure to Appear on a Theft charge. He was also charged with Escape after he tried to flee from the officers as they tried to arrest him. At about 3:20 AM, officers began checking a transient camp site located in the wooded area at the gravel turn out on the east side of Highway 101 at about the North 4300 block. While checking the woods they located two subjects at a camp site. The female subject identified herself and it was determined she did not have any warrants issued for her arrest. The male subject advised the officers he did not have any identification and gave



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the officers false information about his identity. Officers continued investigating and were able to determine the subject's true identity to be Alan Michael Shane Gates. A computer check on Gates indicated there was an active misdemeanor warrant issued for his arrest out of the Lincoln County Circuit Court for failure to appear on a theft charge. The officers advised Gates that he was under arrest and as they moved in to put him in handcuffs, he bolted and tried to flee the location. Officers chased Gates and were able to tackle him to the ground at which time they were able to take him into custody. Gates was not injured during the arrest, but one officer sustained a minor injury to his face. Gates was transported to the Lincoln City Police Department and secured in a holding cell while officers completed the necessary booking paperwork. He was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail and lodged there on the warrant and the listed Escape charge.

### Poured Hot Coffee on a Dog

A 38-year old male was arrested Tuesday, April 9 for Failing to Appear in a Lincoln Co. Court at Newport on an Animal Abuse charge. Gary Alan Lane Gobin allegedly poured hot coffee on the dog "Atlas" Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> causing a severe burn. An arrest warrant was issued for Gobin and Newport PD took him into custody. The Lincoln Co. Animal Shelter is seeking \$950.50 in restitution to pay for Veterinary charges.

### Curry Co. Shooting

Authorities in Curry County are still trying to sort out what led to the shooting of two males March 30<sup>th</sup> at a campground near Agness. According to reports, Austin Williams, Gold Beach, and Taylor Bright, Grants Pass, both 20-years of age, were at the Oak Flat Campground when 22-year old Glen Remy, Gold Beach, shot them. Remy left the campground but crashed his vehicle west of Agness. Williams and Bright made it to a hospital in Gold Beach for treatment of non-life threatening gunshot wounds. Deputies located Remy and took him into custody under charges of Assault II, Assault III, two-counts of Assault IV, two-counts of Reckless Endangering Another Person, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Carrying a Concealed Weapon. He was lodged in the county jail at Gold Beach.


### Central Coast Death Investigation

On March 28th, 2019 Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the

Whaler's Rest RV & Camping Resort in South Beach, Oregon to conduct a welfare check on two guests staying in the park. Whaler's Rest Staff reported the two occupants had not been seen for several days. When Deputies arrived on scene they located a deceased male with an apparent gunshot wound and a deceased female with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The deceased subjects were identified as Charles W. Young, 87, and Carla C. Gustafson, 64, both of Tillamook, Oregon. Based on the investigation, authorities believe Gustafson killed Young, before taking her own life. Authorities also learned Young and Gustafson are family members. At this time the motivation for the shooting is unclear and the investigation remains ongoing.

### Corrections Officers Graduate

The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is pleased to announce the graduation of Basic Corrections Local #BCL036 on Friday April 19, 2019 from the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, Oregon. Members of Graduating Class BCL036 assigned to the South Coast: Deputy Sheriff John MacKenzie, Curry County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Sheriff Joseph Sparks, Coos County Sheriff's Office.



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**USCG**

### Criminal Complaint at Sea

A criminal complaint was filed in federal court alleging John Phillip Stirling, 65, a citizen of Canada, illegally possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine aboard a U.S. flagged vessel. According to court documents, on April 9, 2019, while on a routine patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Alert detected a sailing vessel traveling north 225 nautical miles from Newport, Oregon. The vessel, named Mandalay, had a home port of Seattle, Washington and visible U.S. registration numbers. When Coast Guard personnel attempted to



**John Phillip Stirling**

communicate with Stirling, he went below deck and would only respond via VHF radio. Once Coast Guard personnel determined the Mandalay was a U.S. flagged vessel, they boarded and found Stirling to be the vessel's sole occupant. Stirling stated he did not have vessel documentation and refused to produce identification. Upon further questioning, Stirling's speech began to deteriorate and he displayed signs of a possible drug overdose. Coast Guard personnel administered medical aid to Stirling and evacuated him by helicopter to Astoria, Oregon. He was later transported by ambulance to Adventist Health Portland for additional treatment. Coast Guard personnel conducted a search of the Mandalay and discovered 28 seven-gallon jugs containing liquid methamphetamine. Stirling made an initial appearance today in federal court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Stacie F. Beckerman. Stirling was ordered detained pending trial. A criminal complaint is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. This case is being investigated by the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

### 83-year-old hoisted by Coast Guard aircrew near Newport

USCG release - NEWPORT, Ore. -- A Coast Guard aircrew hoisted an 83-year-old male in Newport, Monday evening, April 22, after receiving a request for assistance from a local fire rescue crew. A Coast Guard Air Facility Newport crew aboard an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter hoisted the individual and transported him to awaiting emergency medical service personnel at the air facility, who

then transported him to the local hospital. Coast Guard Sector North Bend Command Center watchstanders initially received the request for assistance at 7:31 p.m. from Lincoln County Dispatch, who reported that the man had been located in a wooded area a couple miles southeast of the air facility. The man had been missing for a day and a half before he was found by Lincoln County Fire Rescue first responders, who placed the individual into a litter but were unable to climb the steep terrain. Sector North Bend personnel dispatched the helicopter crew to assist the first responders. The aircrew arrived on scene and deployed a rescue swimmer, who helped prepare the individual to be hoisted. The man's condition is unknown at this time.

### Naming Newport a Coast Guard Community

USCG release - NEWPORT, Ore. — The re-designation ceremony of the City of Newport as a Coast Guard City. Rear Adm. David Throop, Commander of the 13th Coast Guard District, formally recognized the re-designation of the City of Newport during a Coast Guard ceremony held in Newport. Newport, Oregon was originally designated a Coast Guard City on March 15, 2005, and has continued its commitment to supporting the more than 100 Coast Guard active duty and retired members. The Coast Guard values its enduring relationships and is proud to highlight the efforts these special communities make to support the Coast Guard families living and serving there. The "Coast Guard City" designation remains effective for five years. After that time, the city must provide an updated package for recertification describing its on-going relationship with the Coast Guard, including examples of recent programs and projects. The recertification process helps ensure the designation remains accurate and meaningful.

### Coast Guard medically evacuates 29-year-old man from commercial freighter

USCG release - SEATTLE — Coast Guard crew members from Station Port Angeles medically evacuated a 29-year-old Chinese man from a 665-foot commercial freighter, Great Fluency, in the Strait of Juan De Fuca, Washington, Sunday morning. The man was reportedly exposed to phosphene gas and was safely transported to Olympic Medical Center in Port Angeles for further medi-

cal attention. At approximately 7:20 a.m., Coast Guard District 13 watchstanders received a notification from the Great Fluency that a member of their crew had been exposed to phosphene gas, a common chemical aboard vessels of this type. Coast Guard crew members, aboard a 45-foot Response Boat Medium, launched from Station Port Angeles at 8:07 a.m. and arrived on scene at 8:45 a.m. The man was reportedly nauseous but able to climb down a Jacob's ladder without assistance. The man was transferred to Emergency Medical Technicians standing by at Station Port Angeles, who then transported him to Olympic Medical Center for further medical attention.

### Coast Guard responds to unmanned adrift, rescues stranded kayakers on Blake Island, WA

USCG release - SEATTLE — A Coast Guard boat crew responded to a report of an unmanned adrift kayak and found that it belonged to a group of six kayakers stranded on Blake Island, Wash., Sunday, March 31. A 45-foot Response Boat-Medium crew from Coast Guard Station Seattle safely transported all six people and their dog from Blake Island back to a pier in Manchester, as well as recovered two of their five missing kayaks. At 8:07 a.m., Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound watchstanders received a report from the crew of the Washington State Ferry Chelan of an unmanned and adrift kayak. The ferry crew spotted the red kayak while pulling in to the Fauntleroy terminal. The Station Seattle boat crew launched in response, conducted a search for the reported kayak and located it in the vicinity of Fauntleroy and Vashon Island. Around the same time, one of the kayak owners had contacted the watchstanders at Coast Guard 13th District Command Center. They reported that they had been camping on Blake Island and when they woke up all five of their kayaks were gone. District personnel connected them to the Sector Puget Sound staff and their red kayak matched the description of one of their missing craft. Station Seattle grabbed the kayak, headed toward the campers and found a second one of their kayaks while en route. A tug crew in the area found two more of the kayaks, but one kayak remains missing. The missing kayak is reported as 12-foot fiberglass white kayak with black trim and a dolphin on the side. If anyone sees a kayak

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### Mayday Call off Washington

USCG release - PORT ANGELES, Wash. — The Coast Guard rescued two people off a beach near Tsusiat Falls, British Columbia, after the boaters made a mayday call Sunday afternoon, April 28. An MH-65 Dolphin aircrew from Sector Field Office Port Angeles hoisted the two people suffering symptoms re-

lated to hypothermia and transferred them to a Royal Canadian helicopter aircrew in Neah Bay, Wash. Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound responded to a mayday call on VHF-FM channel 16 at 2:20 p.m., and coordinated a response through the Royal Canadian Command Centre. The mayday call was made from Canadian waters, but the aircrew from Port Angeles was the closest asset that was able to conduct the rescue. The Dolphin aircrew arrived on scene at 3:13 p.m., and conducted the hoist before transporting the boaters to Neah Bay where they rendezvoused with the Canadian aircrew. The boaters reportedly were taking on water in surf conditions, but were able to safely get to shore.

Police Department and other law enforcement agencies from Eugene to Albany began receiving multiple 911 and emergency calls from people reporting seeing posts on Snapchat, Instagram, and other social media sites. The posts indicated the possibility of school shootings that were going to occur on Thursday April 11th. While the information received varied, the threats were confined to supposedly involve only the Junction City High School, Harrisburg High School, or perhaps both. By 11:00 P.M. Wednesday night a number of witnesses had been interviewed and a juvenile suspect identified. Officers from the Junction City Police Department and the Linn County Sheriff's Office made contact with the suspect and the parents at their home. Preliminary investigation has tentatively revealed the suspect made some poorly chosen inappropriate comments that were possibly taken out of context, but at this time it does not appear the subject had a culpable mental state, nor actually intended to commit any crime. All information indicates the suspect acted alone. Both the parents and the suspect were extremely cooperative. Two shotguns, one rifle, one .45 caliber pistol, one pellet gun, and one BB-gun were seized for safekeeping. Subsequent investigation revealed the rifle and one of the shotguns were most likely stolen in separate incidents; one from a hardware store in Bend, Oregon in 1992, and the other from an unknown location in Muskogee County, Colorado in 2002. The police department is awaiting final confirmation on the status of both weapons from the respective investigating agencies. While the investigating agencies believe there is absolutely no threat of danger to the students or faculty, both schools will have a contingent of law enforcement officers sta-

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**OAKLAND, Ore. – Search and Rescue K9 teams from around Oregon converged on Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park the weekend of April 27 & 28 to participate in a training event. The training was sponsored by the Douglas County Search and Rescue K9 program and supported by Douglas County Search and Rescue and the Sheriff’s Office. The intention of the event was to provide interaction between teams in a training and exercise environment. Teams learned new skills, shared best practices, network and conducted certification testing. On Friday, teams arrived and some testing took place. A night training session was also conducted into the evening. Saturday, the primary training day, provided training sessions in air scent, trailing and cadaver searching. Several scenarios and sessions were held throughout the day. Approximately 40-50 K9 teams participated in the opportunity.**

tioned at each, on Thursday, as a precautionary measure and to help people feel safe and secure. The Junction City Police Department, the Linn County Sheriff’s Office, and the University of Oregon Police Department have partnered to provide this enhanced level of law enforcement protection. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

**Child Abuser from Oregon arrested in Indiana**

In January 2019, Oregon State Police Detectives began an investigation into reported abuse of two young boys living

in the town of New Pine Creek, Oregon, located in southern Lake County near the California border. The boys were assessed at Klamath-Lake CARES (Child Abuse Response & Evaluation Services) where they disclosed extensive physical abuse and being forced to ingest marijuana. The Lake County District Attorney’s Office brought the charges before a Grand Jury and warrants for the arrest of Shawn Michael Fortune (26) and Jamie Baust (31) of Lake County were issued for Causing another person to ingest a controlled substance, Criminal Mistreatment First Degree, Assault Third Degree, Assault Fourth Degree, and Unlawful Use of an

Electrical Stun Gun, Tear Gas or Mace. Fortune and Baust fled Lake County and the state of Oregon prior to being apprehended on the listed charges. OSP Detectives enlisted the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service – Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force. The U.S Marshals Service located Fortune and Baust in South Bend, Indiana. On April 4, 2019, the South Bend Indiana U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force located Fortune and Baust and took them into custody without incident. They will be held in Indiana until they can be extradited to Oregon.

**Pedestrian Fatality I-5**

On Friday, April 12, 2019 at approximately 12:42 A.M. Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of a motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian on Interstate 5 near milepost 235. Preliminary investigation revealed a gray Mazda CX5, operated by Terry Rohse (72) of Tangent, was traveling southbound on Interstate 5 in the slow/right lane when he struck an adult male pedestrian who was in the center of the lane for unknown reasons. The adult male sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. I 5 southbound was closed for 90 minutes following the crash.

**Pedestrian Fatality I-5**

On Saturday, April 6, 2019 at approximately 11:45 PM Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of a vehicle that had struck a pedestrian on Interstate 5 southbound near milepost 216. The investigation revealed a blue 2008 Mazda 3, operated by Brielle Doman (19) of Grants Pass, was stopped on the inside shoulder of I-5. A gold 1999 Toyota Sienna, operated by Jackie Byers (31) of Springfield, was southbound passing the location when for an unknown reason Doman walked into the southbound lanes of I-5 and was hit. Doman sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

**Umatilla Co. Fatal**


On Friday, April 12, 2019, at approximately 9:40 P.M.. Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of single vehicle commercial motor vehicle collision on Interstate 82 near milepost 10. The preliminary investigation revealed a commercial motor vehicle was eastbound on Interstate 82 when it left the roadway and overturned. The driver sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The passenger was transported by Life Flight to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, WA. Interstate 82 was closed for approximately 5 hours.



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## Death Investigation Southern Oregon

On Thursday, April 4, 2019, the Medford Assault and Death Investigation Unit (MADIU) was contacted by the Phoenix Police Department after human remains were discovered at 510 Pine Street in Phoenix, Oregon. Oregon State Police investigators were assigned to lead the death investigation and are being assisted by the Jackson County District Attorney's Office, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Medford Police Department, and the Oregon State Police Forensics Lab. At this time, the human remains have not been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

## Counterfeit ID Sentence

Miguel Merecias-Lopez, 24, of Woodburn, Oregon, pleaded guilty today to one count each of conspiracy to produce false identification documents and pos-

session with intent to distribute methamphetamine. According to court documents, from a time unknown until September 21, 2017, Merecias-Lopez and other co-conspirators were part of a Oaxaca, Mexico-based criminal conspiracy to produce and sell fraudulent U.S. government documents. Conspirators, including Merecias-Lopez, maintained a clandestine photo lab in Woodburn where they used various computers, scanners, laminators, digital cameras and a high-resolution printer to produce the fraudulent documents. They would communicate with customers in-person and electronically via email, Facebook and Snapchat, and receive payments via PayPal, U.S. mail or in person. On September 21, 2017, investigators arrested Merecias-Lopez in a fast food parking lot in Woodburn when he arrived to conduct a drug deal. More than a kilogram of methamphetamine was found on Merecias-Lopez's person. A subsequent search of Merecias-Lopez's apartment



**On April 11, 2019, after a several month long investigation into black market marijuana exportation from Oregon to several Mid-western states, the Oregon State Police-Southwest Region Marijuana team executed a search warrant at a property in the 3900 block of Independence School Rd. Medford, Oregon. Investigators discovered a large scale indoor marijuana growing operation, which was not licensed or legal. Two (2) individuals were detained on site. The investigation revealed the illegal operation was being managed by Gregory Martin Day(24) of North Carolina. Investigators removed and destroyed 14,497 marijuana plants weighing 1,907.7 lbs. The approximate street value is estimated at \$15,000,000.00 dollars (after the marijuana was fully processed). Also seized during the search warrant were; \$557,488.00 US Currency, 29-Firearms including two (2) fully-automatic rifles, 6,000 (Butane Honey Oil) BHO cartridges, 141,838.3 gross grams of other BHO product, 1,047 gross grams of psilocybin mushrooms and also some LSD. Day was lodged in the Jackson County Jail on numerous drug and weapons related charges. The other subject was identified and released.**



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produced additional methamphetamine and equipment used in furtherance of the fraudulent document scheme. Investigators found and seized the materials needed to produce thousands of identification cards. A review of electronic devices found in Merecias-Lopez's apartment produced evidence that the conspiracy had operated in Woodburn for more than a decade and produced and sold more than 10,000 different fraudulent documents including driver's licenses for more than 25 states, U.S. social security cards, immigration-related documents including non-immigrant visas and legal permanent resident cards, marriage licenses, vehicle bills of sale and titles, and birth certificates. Merecias-Lopez was personally responsible for producing more than 300 fraudulent U.S. government documents. A charge of conspiracy to produce false identification documents carries a maximum sen-

tence of 15 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and three years' supervised release. A charge of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine carries of maximum sentence of life in prison with a 10 year mandatory minimum sentence, a \$10,000,000 fine and five years' supervised release. The government and defense counsel representing Merecias-Lopez are jointly recommending a sentence on the low-end of the non-binding U.S. Sentencing Commission guidelines range when he is sentenced on June 18, 2019 before U.S. District Court Judge Michael H. Simon. This case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Westside Interagency Narcotics Team (WIN), the Clackamas County Interagency Task Force (CCITF) and the Woodburn Police Department. It is being prosecuted



by Peter D. Sax, Assistant U.S. Attorney to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.  
for the District of Oregon.

## Police Logs

### Refused to Leave

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Saturday, April 20, Coos Bay Library, "male refusing to leave the library," Hector Gonzalez Jr. charged with Criminal Trespass II & Interfering with Police. Transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Warrant

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### Criminal Trespass

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Sunday, April 21, Three Rivers Casino, Antonio Alamilla Mejia charged with Criminal Trespass II and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Warrant

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Thursday, April 18, 12:33 a.m., Hwy. 101 & Flanagan, Elisa Marie Speaks arrested on two CBPD warrants and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Warrant

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Thursday, April 18, CB City Hall, Robert Gene Cox arrested on Douglas Co. SO warrant and transported

to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Warrant

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Thursday, April 18, 11:20 p.m., Curry Co. SO arrested Ashley Mickelson on CBPD warrant.

### VRO

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Thursday, April 18, 1400 block Ventana Ct., Harmony Dillard charged with Violation of Restraining Order and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Menacing

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Friday, April 19, 3:04 a.m., 1000 block Montgomery Ave., Nicholas Adam Tilley charged with Menacing Domestic and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Warrants

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Friday, April 19, Portland PD arrested Tina Marie Beck on three CBPD warrants

### Criminal Trespass

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Friday, April 19, 9:13 a.m., Katrina Victoria O'Neal charged with Criminal Trespass I & Reckless Burning. Also, Caye Michael Lewis charged with Criminal Trespass II. Both transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Warrants

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Friday, April 19, 9:19 a.m., Coos River Hwy. & S Curves, Mitchell Levi Cole arrested on Marion Co. SO warrant and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Shoplifter

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Friday, April 19, Walmart, 2051 Newmark Ave., Kimberly Dawn Roth cited in lieu of custody on charges of Theft II & Criminal Trespass I.

### Warrant

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Friday, April 19, 250 N.

Baxter St., CCSO, Coquille, Coos Co. SO arrested Misty Carol Werner on three CBPD warrants.

### DUII

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Saturday, April 20, 12:46 a.m., 34<sup>th</sup> & Vine, Xhimali Diego Gonzales charged with DUII and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Warrant

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Saturday, April 20, 2:16 a.m., NBPD arrested Skylar Duane McNair on Coquille PD Probable Cause for Theft I & Criminal Mischief I.

### Warrant

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Monday, April 15, 8:18 a.m., 4<sup>th</sup> & Hall, Austin Benavidez arrested on two CBPD warrants and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Probation Violation

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Monday, April 15, 10:38 a.m., 100 block S. Wall St., Michael Emory Dunn charged with Probation Violation and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Shoplifter

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for Monday, April 15, 4:16 p.m., 2051 Newmark Ave., Walmart, Richard Ray Herrick charged with Criminal Trespass I & Theft III. Transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### DUII

According to an entry on the CQPD log for April 16, 2:12 a.m., Coquille Broiler, Kenneth Ryan Fernandez charged with DUII and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

### Warrant

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**Misuse of 911**

According to an entry on the Coquille Police log for Saturday, April 20, 4:20 p.m., 400 block E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Michael Mulvihill charged with Misuse of 911 and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

**Menacing**

According to an entry on the Coquille Police log for April 22, 10 a.m., 800 block Folsom St. Filipp Peter Tkachev charged with Menacing with a Firearm & Domestic Strangulation. Transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

**DUII**

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**Arrest**

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CQPD PC for Theft I & Criminal Mischief I.

**Warrant**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 20, 1:34 p.m., CBPL, Anderson Ave., Hector Gonzalex Jr. charged with Criminal Trespass II & Interfering with Police. Transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

**Warrant**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 20, 1:50 p.m., Pacific Empire Motel, Caleb William Burns arrested on 3 CBPD warrants & charged with Interfering with Police. Transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

**Criminal Trespass**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 21, 1:29 a.m., Three Rivers Casino, Ocean Blvd., Antonio Alamilla Mejia charged with Criminal Trespass II and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

**Warrant**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 21, CCSO, 250 N. Baxter St., Coquille, Darren Leroy Williams arrested on CBPD warrant.

**Warrants**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 21, 7:17 p.m., CCSO, 250 N. Baxter St., Coquille, Myrtle PD arrested Nicholas Richard Hartje on two CBPD warrants.

**Warrant**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 23, 10:47 a.m., Cranberry Sweets, Newmark Ave., Jacob Alvin Latta arrested on CBPD warrant & Theft II. Transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

**Criminal Mischief**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 23, 6:17 p.m., Anderson Ave., & 6<sup>th</sup> St., Richard Ray



**Marine Law Enforcement Academy Training on Lake Billy Chinook**

The Oregon State Marine Board is conducting their annual marine law enforcement training on Lake Billy Chinook in Jefferson County between April 29 and May 10. This intensive training is designed for new or seasonal marine law enforcement officers who are new to boating laws, boat handling and water safety fundamentals. "Oregon has huge waterway diversity when it comes to recreational boating, making it imperative that Oregon's Marine Law Enforcement Officers are well trained and at-the-ready to help recreational boaters," said Edward Persichetti, Marine Law Enforcement Training Coordinator for the Marine Board. Throughout this intense, nine-day marine academy, a broad range of skill is developed that helps that help officers save lives and promote safe boating. Persichetti added, "We're excited to be returning to Jefferson County this year and represent the highest standards of Marine Law Enforcement." The training includes accident investigation and boating under the influence (BUII) detection and apprehension. On-water training will take place on Lake Billy Chinook, where students will develop their basic boat handling skills and participate in real-world scenarios that emphasize safety, courtesy, enforcement tactics, and accident prevention. Pool sessions will be conducted at the Madras Aquatic Center. The marine academy is hosted by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, along with highly skilled deputies from around the state, taking an active role as instructors. For more information about the Marine Board's partnership with marine law enforcement, visit [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com).

Herrick charged with Criminal Mischief II and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

**Warrant**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 24, 12:28 a.m., 100 block Anderson Ave., Steve Olaf Williams arrested on CBPD warrant and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

**Warrant**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 24, 8:37 a.m., CCSO, 250 N. Baxter St., Coquille, Audrey Janette Lyon arrested on 2

CBPD warrants.

**Burglar**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 24, 8:51 a.m., 1600 block Maxwell Rd., "break in to residence," Crystal Dawn Whited charged with Burglary I & Theft III. Transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.

**Warrant**

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 24, 9 a.m., 54000 block Old Hwy. 42 Rd., Myrtle Pt., Justus Quinn Davis arrested on CBPD warrant and transported to the Coos Co. Jail at Coquille.



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### Burglary

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 24, 5:22 p.m., 800 block Sea Breeze Terrace “burglary to residence.”

### Warrant

According to an entry on the Coos Bay Police log for April 24, CCSO, 250 N.

Baxter St., Coquille, Danny Joseph Thomas arrested on CBPD warrant. Peace Officer, 1 count of Interfering with Law Enforcement animal, as well

## More Coos Co.

### Oregon Prisons & Jails

#### Federal prisons:

Federal Correctional Institution, Sheridan (1,350 medium security, 480 minimum security).

#### State prisons:

Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, Wilsonville (1,685 inmate capacity)

Columbia River Correctional Institution, Portland (595 ic)

Deer Ridge Correctional Institution, Madras (1,867 ic)

Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, Pendleton (1,659 ic)

Mill Creek Correctional Facility, Salem (240 ic)

Oregon State Correctional Institution, Salem (880 ic)

Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem (2,194 ic)

Powder River Correctional Facility, Baker City (366 ic)

Santiam Correctional Institution, Salem (440 ic)

Shutter Creek Correctional Institution, North Bend (260 ic)

South Fork Forest Camp, Tillamook (200 ic)

Snake River Correctional Institution, Ontario (3,050 ic)

Two Rivers Correctional Institution, Umatilla (1,878 ic)

Warner Creek Correctional Facility, Lakeview (496 ic)

#### Youth correctional facilities

##### Male

Eastern Oregon Youth Correctional Facility, Burns (50 beds)

Hillcrest Youth Correctional Facility, Salem (180 beds)

MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility, Woodburn (186 beds)

North Coast Youth Correctional Facility Warrenton (50 beds)

Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility, Grants Pass (100 beds)

Tillamook Youth Correctional Facility, Tillamook County (50 beds)

##### Female

Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility, Albany (75 beds)

### Burglary—Odin #82

Saddler Rd., CCSO release - On April 25th, 2019 at about 12:52 PM, Deputies with the Coos County Sheriff’s Office responded to 64266 Saddler Rd. for a burglary in progress. The 78 year old victim of the burglary said he’d seen a man wearing a cammo jacket, blue sweatshirt, brown boots and a face mask run out the back door of his house. The man reportedly ran down a gravel road close to the house, and then into some woods in the area. A perimeter was hastily set, and K9 Odin was called in to track the suspect. For approximately 30 minutes the tracking team searched the surrounding brush for the man. The trail



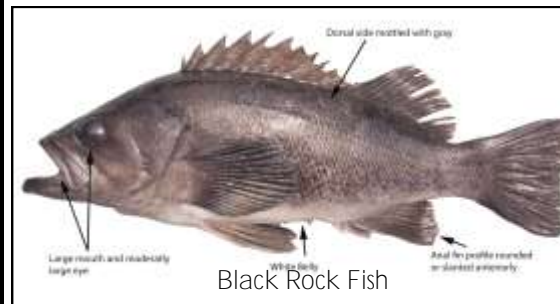
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Joseph T. Russell

led them onto Lowell Ln. While tracking, the team identified a man matching the description walking behind a house away from Deputies with a hood on. Deputies announced themselves and told the man to stop. The man began running and hopping over fences in an attempt to get away. A short foot pursuit ensued, and at the conclusion of this pursuit, the suspect who was identified as 40 year old Joseph T. Russell, began fighting with Deputies. Mr. Russell also reportedly kicked K9 officer Odin in the snout. Mr. Russell was ultimately taken into custody on the charges of Burglary I, attempted Theft II, 2 counts of Resisting Arrest, 2 counts of Interfering with a

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as a warrant for his arrest, and a Probation Violation. Coos County Deputies had also recently issued Probable Cause and an Attempt to Locate for Mr. Russell after determining he was the primary suspect in another case that involved separate charges of Burglary II, Theft I and Theft II from a construction site. He was transported to the Coos County Jail where he was lodged.

### Warrant

Boat Basin Rd. & Cape Arago Hwy. CCSO release - On April 25, 2019, at about 12:21 PM, a Deputy spotted 27 year old Ian Geer of Myrtle Point, walk-



Ian Geer

ing on Cape Arago Highway in the Charleston area. Geer is familiar to law enforcement and has had several contacts with them. Recently, Geer has fled arrest when several different agencies had attempted to arrest him. A records check revealed Geer still had an outstanding felony warrant for Parole Violation. When the Deputy attempted to contact Geer, he fled into the brush. The Deputy continued checking the area and located Geer near the old Breakfast Barn close to the intersection of Cape Arago Highway and Boat Basin Road. The Deputy attempted to contact Geer with his partner, K9 Raven. The Deputy told Geer he was under arrest and Geer began to run across a small field towards the wooded area. The Deputy informed Geer

to stop or he would release the K9. Geer continued a few more feet into the brush. Geer stopped, turned around, and yelled, "I give up! Don't send the dog!" The Deputy was able to contain Geer until other deputies arrived on scene and placed him into custody. This marks K9 Raven's 2nd successful capture. Geer was transported to the Coos County Jail, where he was booked and lodged with no bail.

### VRO

No. Barry Rd., CCSO release - On April 27, 2019 at approximately 4:20 am, a female subject living in the Bunker Hill area of Coos Bay called to report that her ex-boyfriend, 31 year old Randall K. Burns, was at her home knocking on her door. Burns had an active Restraining Order against him, prohibiting him from contacting the female caller. While a Deputy was responding, the caller told Dispatch he was sitting outside in his vehicle and provided a vehicle description. The Deputy, who was not yet in the area, requested assistance from the Coos Bay Police Department in an attempt to locate Burns before he left the area. Coos Bay Police located Burns with his vehicle in the parking lot of the Mill Casino. The Deputy contacted the victim and confirmed that a Restraining Order Violation had occurred. The Deputy responded to the Mill Casino and contacted Burns who had been detained by



Randall K. Burns

Coos Bay Police. Burns was arrested and transported to the Coos County Jail without further incident.

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### Coquille River Fog Horn Changing

BANDON, Ore. — The Coast Guard is planning to change the fog sound signal

at Coquille River South Jetty Light 8 from a continuously sounding signal to an on-demand signal. The fog sound signal, an aids to navigation to warn mariners of the location of the southern jetty during periods of reduced visibility, is used by mariners transiting across the Coquille River entrance bar and channel to and from Bandon. The signal will be activated by keying the microphone of a VHF-FM radio five times. The signal

will activate and run for approximately 30 minutes and then secure itself. There is no limit to the number of times the signal can be activated. The tone, characteristic and intensity of the sound signal will remain the same as currently configured. This system, called a Marine Radio Activated Sound Signal, is in use at all of the other year-round fog sound signal sites within the states of Oregon and Washington.

### What is Faith?

By Pastor Bridgette Whinery

Faith seems to be this mysterious word. People talk about blind faith. But is faith blind? The simple definition of faith is a firm persuasion. In Hebrews 11:1 it says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." What exactly does that mean? To answer that question, it brings me to the woman with the issue of blood that came to Jesus. I invite you to read the entire account in Mark 5:25-34. In verses 27 and 28, it says, "When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." And in verse 34 it says, "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." Jesus said that it was her faith that made her whole. "When she heard of Jesus" gives us a clue into that faith. For the Bible says in Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." This tells us that when she heard of Jesus, faith came, because we know that faith comes by hearing the Word of God. That caused her to respond in faith and to step out in faith and receive her answer. Faith should never be blind faith, but rather something that we do with purpose. We should always have a Word from God to respond in faith. I encourage you to find out what the Bible has to say to you and let it build faith in you. Then you can step out in faith, too.

(All scripture quoted is in the King James Version)

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## Mayday Call & Rescue

PORT ANGELES, Wash. — The Coast Guard rescued two people off a beach

near Tsusiat Falls, British Columbia, after the boaters made a mayday call Sunday afternoon, April 28. An MH-65 Dolphin aircrew from Sector Field Office Port Angeles hoisted the two people



suffering symptoms related to hypothermia and transferred them to a Royal Canadian helicopter aircrew in Neah Bay, Wash. Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound responded to a mayday call on VHF-FM channel 16 at 2:20 p.m., and coordinated a response through the Royal Canadian Command Centre. The mayday call was made from Canadian waters, but the aircrew from Port Angeles was the closest asset that

was able to conduct the rescue. The Dolphin aircrew arrived on scene at 3:13 p.m., and conducted the hoist before transporting the boaters to Neah Bay where they rendezvoused with the Canadian aircrew. The boaters reportedly were taking on water in surf conditions, but were able to safely get to shore.

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