

## **KHKF-Issues and Programs- First Quarter 2019**

1. ISSUE: Barley Browns Wins Awards

GUEST: Barley Browns

DESCRIPTION: Barley Browns in Baker City is excited to announce that they have made the top 100 list of American IPA's. This information is according to BeerAdvocate. Barley's well known Pallet Jack IPA placed 34<sup>th</sup> out of 100 on that list. This is just one of a number of recognitions that Barley Browns has received in recent years.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*January 18, 2019

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2. ISSUE: Confirmed Wolf Depredation

GUEST: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

DESCRIPTION: January 18, 2019 – Union County (Catherine Creek area)

Date Investigated: 1/18/19

Cause of death/injury: Confirmed

General situation and animal information: The carcass of an 11-month-old, 500 lb. steer was discovered by the owner's brother at daybreak on 1/18/19 in a private-land pasture. He reported hearing four wolves howling at 3:00 am. Later that day, district ODFW staff contacted the owner about a wolf GPS radio-collar location in his pasture at 5 am on 1/18, which generated the request for an investigation. Most of the internal organs and abdomen were consumed, but the remainder of the carcass and hide were largely intact. The death of the calf was estimated to have occurred less than 24 hours prior.

Physical evidence and summary of findings: The entire carcass was skinned. Multiple tooth scrapes were found on the hide of the neck, left front quarter, and hindquarters. Associated premortem hemorrhage and tissue trauma extending at least 2" in depth was found on the posterior portion of the hind legs and the left front leg behind the elbow. The premortem muscle tissue trauma is a clear sign of predator attack and the size, number, severity, and location of the bite injuries are similar to injuries observed on other calves attacked by wolves. The depredation was attributed to one or more wolves from the Catherine Pack.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*January 23, 2019

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3. ISSUE: Drug K9 Capa Assists with Arrest

GUEST: Baker City Police Department

DESCRIPTION: On the afternoon of February 10, 2019, officers from the Baker City Police Department stopped a white 2002 Chevy Tahoe for a traffic violation at 15th and K Street, Baker City, Oregon. During the traffic stop, reasonable suspicion of illegal controlled substance activity was suspected involving the occupants of the vehicle and Baker City Police Department drug canine "Capa" was called out and deployed on an open air sniff of the vehicle exterior. "Capa" alerted to the presence of controlled substance odors coming from the car. A subsequent search warrant was issued for the vehicle and officers located approximately 10 ounces of suspected liquid methamphetamine, along with other pieces of drug paraphernalia.

The following persons were arrested as a result of the investigation:

Tyler James Free – DOB: 12/11/1992 - address: 18 Foothill Drive, Baker City, Oregon

- Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine

- Tampering with Evidence

Questions about this release can be referred to Sergeant Wayne Chastain at 541-524-2014.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*February 13, 2019

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4. ISSUE: Arrest made in Cove Murder Investigation

GUEST: Union County Sheriff's Office

DESCRIPTION: On 2/21/19 at 0919 hrs., the North East Oregon Regional SWAT Team arrested Ronald D. Lee (DOB 09/25/47) on a Union County arrest warrant following a Grand Jury Indictment for Murder. The charge stems from the death of Loretta A. Williams (DOB 01/27/56), which occurred in the early morning hours of November 17, 2018 at her residence in Cove.

The indictment was issued by a Union County Grand Jury after a lengthy investigation by the Union County Major Crimes Team. The Major Crimes Team consists of members from the Union County Sheriff's Office, the La Grande Police Department, the Oregon State Police, and the Union County District Attorney's Office. Detective Jason McKaig of the Union County Sheriff's Office and Detective Mike Harris of the La Grande Police Department are the lead Detectives in the case.

We appreciate the support and cooperation of Loretta's family and the community at large during this complex and taxing investigation. The case remains under investigation

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5. ISSUE: Corey Collins sentenced to 41.83 years in prison

GUEST: Elkhorn Media Group Staff

DESCRIPTION: 41.83 years with the Department of Corrections is the number of years that 21-year-old Corey Dean Collins was sentenced to today by Judge Thomas Powers in a Union County Courtroom.

Collins has been housed in the Union County Jail since November 2017 on multiple charges related to sex crimes. On February 11 of this year, he was found guilty of charges that included Unlawful Sexual Penetration, Sex Abuse, Assault., Rape, Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency of a Minor and Sodomy.

During the nearly four-hour sentencing, victims and their families, members of Collins family as well as Union County District Attorney Kelsie McDaniel and Collins Attorney, James Schaeffer made statements to the court regarding Collins.

District Attorney McDaniel was able to make the first statement and painted a picture of how Collins acted during the trial. McDaniel noted actions that Collins has taken part in since being in custody, such as threatening officers, smiling as the victim's charges were read and even becoming, what appeared to be, sexually aroused during those readings. Additionally, during witness testimony, Collins was seen winking at one of the witnesses for his side. It was noted by McDaniel that the state was not optimistic that Collins would ever change, even upon release.

Victims of Collins as well as their family members were given the opportunity to make their statements next. More than one of the five females revealed that since they were victimized, they have suffered from anxiety and other mental and physical disorders. One of the mothers noted that her daughter used to be a fun-loving girl who laughed a lot, loved spending time with friends and generally being a kid, but since the incident with Collins, she has become depressed, suffers from anxiety and has panic attacks. Also noting the fear that is felt towards the Collins family that they will retaliate against the victims and their families for coming forward.

Victims expressed their personal guilt, shame, and embarrassment that came from their individual events with Collins. More than one victim statement included the terminology that they are not victims, but survivors. One of the females noted, "I will survive this because I am a survivor, I will fight this because I am a fighter."

Once statements from victims and the state were heard, Schaeffer was able to make his statement. Noting immediately that the court should consider Collins age at the time of these occurrences when considering sentencing since he was a teenager at the time these sexual encounters took place.

A sister of Collins presented her statement next explaining how this has affected her and her family. Noting she has heard horrible things from people since his arrest, she noted that Corey has always been known to have a temper and she doesn't agree with the actions of her brother but said that Corey has grown since his arrest and emotionally matured. She asked that the judge not sentence Collins to life in prison but give him a lesser sentence.

Corey's mother was next to address the court also saying that she has seen her son mature since his arrest and that he is not the same teenage boy that made those poor choices. Also noting that he is and always has been a tenderhearted person noting that the most important thing in his life is his son. Asking to please not take his whole life away.

When Corey Collins was able to speak on his own behalf, he said that he understood how the girls felt but that he did not force anyone to have sexual contact with him. Collins noted his continued love for one of the victims and that he didn't want to lose his son after already losing her, saying I will see my son no matter what the victim says. Also saying that the girls involved will have a rough life no matter whether what they said is true or not. Noting in his statement that "there is nothing I can do to change it now." Collins made it clear that there will be appeals filed.

After a short recess, Judge Thomas Powers was prepared for the sentencing. A statement from Judge Powers regarding what he had heard from the girls lead to him commending the girls involved for taking the step to come forward. "Surviving doesn't happen all at once, survival begins at coming forward."

It was presented by Collins attorney during the trial that the girls concocted their stories for some sort of personal gain. Judge Powers said, in reference to that claim, that nothing he saw during the trial suggested that the girls had anything to gain and that these stories were not concocted.

Judge Powers then addressed the statement that had been made by Corey Collins, saying that Collins statement was “remarkable”, but not in a good way. Noting the profound lack of empathy that Collins showed while making his statement. Powers noted that the statement was remarkable to the point of being disturbing. Judge Powers noted that there were also some inaccuracies in Collins statement versus what was heard at trial.

Judge Powers said that what he heard in Collins statement was an extreme inability and unwillingness to take responsibility and that Collins was beyond, not just being remorseful, but he seems to have an inability to understand that women don’t exist for his gratification. Judge Powers told Collins that he needs to know that there are things we are not entitled to just because we want them.

For the charges that Collins was found guilty of he has been sentenced to the Department of Corrections for a total of 502 months (41.83 years). Conditions upon release include Post-Prison Supervision for Life, completing a sex offender package, mental health evaluation and Collins is to have no contact with the victims or their families for the remainder of his life.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*March 25, 2019

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6. ISSUE: Lee and Hamilton both charged with Murder and Criminal Conspiracy charges

GUEST: Union County District Attorney

DESCRIPTION: 65-year-old Steve Edward Hamilton was arraigned in Union County Court late last week on charges of Murder and Criminal Conspiracy in the murder of Loretta A. Williams in November of 2018. In addition, Ronald Lee, who was arrested in February for the murder, has also had a charge of Criminal Conspiracy added to his charges. Both men are now in the Union County Jail on identical charges of Murder and Criminal Conspiracy. Bail has been denied and both have been ordered to have no contact with the victim’s family while they are in custody. Plea hearings will take place in April.

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