

Three raids lead to arrest of Prineville man

by Cheryl McDermott

A 55-year old Prineville man is in custody following raids at three separate Prineville-area locations Monday, accused of over a half-dozen charges including drug and weapons offenses, theft, menacing and assault, police reported.

Alan Lane Nevel - CCJ photo Shortly after 4 p.m. April 23, Crook County Sheriff's deputies and Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers responded to space # 7 of the Lakeshore RV Park at 12333 N.E. Ochoco Highway in Prineville to a report of menacing. As they were enroute, officers learned the suspects were leaving the scene in a blue Ford Thunderbird, Detective Sgt. Travis Jurgens wrote in a news release.

The vehicle was located on Highway 26, and a "high risk vehicle stop" was performed, Jurgens said. The car's occupants, Benjamin Hibbits and Jesse Snyder, both 20-year old Prineville residents, were cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

Jurgens said that further investigation into the original menacing call prompted officers to obtain a search warrant, executed at three separate locations in the Prineville area.

During the searches, deputies found and seized over one-half pound of marijuana, a stolen firearm, a short barreled firearm, and several items of drug paraphernalia.

A subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of 55-year old Alan Lane Nevel. Taken into custody and lodged in the Crook County Jail, he is charged with possession and manufacture of a controlled substance, possession of stolen property, possession of a short-barreled firearm, first-degree theft, menacing, and fourth-degree assault. Bail was set at \$77,500, Sgt. Jurgens said.

Deputies from Crook County Sheriff's Office were assisted in their investigation by the OSP, the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) team, and Prineville Police.

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