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Fire burns home in Rimrock

A significant fire burned at a Rimrock home on Culpepper Ranch Road last Wednesday night. The owner reported that he had smelled smoke and went outside and could see the flames. An older couple was able to evacuate the home safely. Montezuma-Rimrock Fire Chief Mike Van Dyke described the fire as "stubborn." The home is an older structure with several additions. Camp Verde, Verde Valley assisted. Sedona Fire Marshal Will Loesch investigated.



Photo courtesy Kala Pearson

Kidnap attempt in Clarkdale

A man driving a small car attempted to grab two young girls Saturday afternoon at the Clarkdale Post Office.

The two 10-year-olds had gone to the Post Office to mail a letter when the incident occurred.

The girls had just posted their letter when the man attempted to grab them. They fought the suspect and he let them go and then fled in a small white sedan. The license plate was green with white letters, they said.

The girls were unhurt, but extremely scared.

The Clarkdale Post Office is open for public use Saturday, but is unmanned.

The girls described the man as a white male with a chunky build wearing very short thinning hair. He was wearing a light blue T-shirt and torn jeans.

Bikers crash on median

A husband and wife motorcycle couple drove their bike at high speed into the median near milepost 295 on Interstate 17 Friday. The couple drove straight into the median for an estimated 100 yards before losing control.

The male subject was unhurt and refused medical treatment, but the woman suffered possible broken arms and legs. Early reports prompted dispatch of a medical helicopter, but it was turned away when the couple's condition was better understood. She was taken by ground ambulance to the Verde Valley Medical Center.

Intoxicated man growls like a dog

A Cottonwood man was charged with marijuana offenses after he became disorderly while drinking at Murphy's Grill in Cottonwood Thursday. The manager described the subject as unruly and said he refused to leave the bar when asked.

The officer noted that the man was clearly intoxicated and, when he would not obey commands, he was placed in an "arm bar" and physically escorted from the restaurant. He struggled with the officer and swore at the manager and was placed in handcuffs.

The subject was identified as Mark Alan Schutt, 50, who carried an Oregon driver's license.

The manager had told Schutt that he could not be served any more alcohol. Schutt became upset, his face got red, and he started cursing. Schutt then began growling like a dog.

The manager offered to pay Schutt's cab fare home, but the man refused, left the building and began "staring down" customers in an intimidating way and growling at them.

As he started back toward the entrance, Schutt screamed at the manager, calling him obscene names. On the way to the Cottonwood Police station, Schutt spat repeatedly at the Plexiglas separating the back seat from the front.

At the booking facility, an inventory of Schutt's personal belongings turned up a folded up page from a magazine that fell out of his vest pocket.

The officer opened the folded paper and allegedly found a green leafy substance that was identified as

marijuana. A piece of folded-up paper was in Shutt's wallet contained more marijuana. Schutt was charged with disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

A little herb, officer

Just after midnight Saturday morning, Steven Padilla Derby, 37, was arrested on a contempt of court warrant, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia at the Sundial Motel in Old Town Cottonwood.

While conducting patrol behind the Sundial Motel an officer spotted a suspicious male subject standing next to a red quad behind. The officer asked for his identification that listed him as Steven Padilla Derby. A records check showed Derby had a misdemeanor warrant issued by Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. Derby stated he was locking up his quad before going inside where he was a resident.

Derby was placed under arrest for the warrant. When Derby was asked what else he had in his pockets, he said they were "full" of "herb," which he defined as a pipe and some marijuana.

A search found a black and gold marijuana pipe and a small baggy of marijuana.

Derby was charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia as well as the contempt of court warrant.

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