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Attempted Suicide

Prineville, Oregon

Location: Les Schwab Park, S. Main Street, Prineville, Oregon

Victim: Debbie Helen Wilber, age 55, 1247 NW 6th, Redmond, Oregon.

On July 6th at about 3:45pm Prineville Police received a report that a Redmond woman, who was suicidal and in possession of a handgun, might be in the Prineville area. At about 4:09pm Officers learned that the woman, identified as Debbie Wilber, was possibly in the area of Les Schwab park on S. Main Street, in Prineville. Prineville police checked the area and located her vehicle at the park.

Wilber had made contact with Redmond Police Officers on the phone and had threatened to shoot herself or create a situation where she might be shot if approached by law enforcement authorities. She did agree that she would speak with one specific Redmond officer only. As the Redmond officer arrived in the area police learned that a family member was confronting Wilber. As Police arrived, the family member, who was struggling with Wilber, was able to disarm her. Wilber was taken into custody and was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital for mental evaluation. Criminal charges may be forthcoming. The Redmond Police Department, Oregon State Police and Crook County Sheriff's Office assisted in the incident.

Eric Bush
Chief of Police

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