



## Wednesday Docket

# A Busy One For District Court

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ALLIANCE — Jacob A. Zier, 22, Alliance, appeared in Box Butte County District Court Wednesday for sentencing after pleading guilty to a Class IV felony of theft by receiving between \$500 and \$2,500, amended from a Class III felony of burglary. The charge states on Sept. 15 Zier pried open the garage door of Lynn D. Anderson and took property estimated at \$3,000.

Defense attorney Jon Worthman, noted a change in the presentence investigation of which at the time completed Zier was not employed but has recently become gainfully employed.

Zier commented on his behalf explaining employment and that he is currently supporting his fiancé who is not employed and a jail sentence would not be beneficial.

Judge Travis O'Gorman explained he had every intention of putting Zier in jail due to lack of employment and the belief that Zier would not be able to successfully complete his probation, noting his drug and alcohol use. Judge O'Gorman ordered Zier be placed on probation for a period of 18 months, to "keep you in my back pocket," commented Judge O'Gorman. He also ordered Zier attend a Moral Recognition Training course and Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous as part of his probation. Probation will also include drug and alcohol testing.

Andrew H. Rel, 20, Alliance, accepted a plea deal with the state lowering his charges from a Class III Felony to a Class IV Felony of attempted burglary. Charges filed from an incident in which Rel entered the residence of Jeremy Dean on May 21 with intent to steal items from the residence and stole a golf club. Rel will appear for sentencing on June 25.

Tera L. Gasseling, 40, Alliance, pleaded guilty to amended charges of attempted theft by unlawful taking, a Class IV felony. She had originally pleaded not guilty to Class III felonies of theft by

unlawful taking over \$1,500 and second-degree forgery over \$1,000. In exchange for the pleas the forgery charge was dismissed.

The theft charge states between Jan. 1, 2011, and March 14, 2012, she exercised control over cash or other monetary funds, in excess of \$2,900, belonging to the Cattle Capital Rodeo Committee (CCRC).

Gasseling appeared with council, Tyler Petit, for sentencing. Representing the state, County Attorney Kathleen Hutchinson requested restitution in the amount of \$2,971 be paid by Gasseling as part of her probation be set on a strict deadline. Hutchinson questioned Gasseling's ability to care for herself and her children and to support them financially. Hutchinson noted counseling would best benefit Gasseling and "get her refocused, with this behavior she is no being a good role model."

Petit noted Gasseling's medical issues keeping her from work and that she does have full custody of two children. He also noted her criminal history is next to nothing and she would be a good candidate for probation.

Judge O'Gorman commented Gasseling's lack of criminal history and her responsibilities to two children weigh

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in favor of probation. He ordered Gasseling to a term of 18 months of Intense Supervised Probation and to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,971 which, must be paid by the end of her probation term.

Isaac H. Picket Pin Jr., 31, Alliance, appeared in court yesterday morning to revoke his probation. Picket Pin was placed on probation for pleading guilty of a Class IV felony charge of possession of a short shotgun and terroristic threats. Picket Pin will appear May 28 for his arraignment.