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Sherwood Hills owner: Raid on center "uncalled for"

By **AMY MACAVINTA**
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The owner of the Sherwood Hills Recovery Resort said the justification for Wednesday's government raid on the residential drug rehabilitation center located in Sardine Canyon boils down to one number that was omitted from a form.

Richard M. Knapp suggested the entire situation could have been avoided if the licensing office had made a simple phone call. Instead, he said, he likens Wednesday's events to the use of military force.

"Over 50 agents come in and basically take over the facilities, order our clients to remain in the dining area where they are held captive for over 4 hours, they intimidated the employees, and they were literally at every

entry and every exit," he said.

Knapp said he believes the same could have been accomplished by a single officer of the law with the appropriate legal documents.

"The state action shows a complete disregard for the people we are trying to help. It's not right, or fair," Knapp said. "It's an abuse of power by those who will use the law to their own economic advantage. We will, of course, appeal this to the Supreme Court if necessary and, in doing so, will seek to remove those who have abused their powers. Oh, and yeah, we'll put that number on the form."

According to the Department of Human Services' Office of Licensing, Wednesday's visit to the rehab facility served as the company's formal 10-day notice that its licenses are revoked.

The company has been

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— **Richard M. Knapp**, owner of the Sherwood Hills Recovery Resort

ordered to cease taking new patients, make notification to current patients and provide proof of doing so within three days and provide notice to the public on its website and social media pages.

Most importantly, the company must immediately begin working with its clients to facilitate discharge or alternative placement and complete the transactions required to close out the financial accounts for each one.

DHS Director Heather Barnum said her agency has no official response to Knapp's comments.

"We wouldn't want to get into a 'he said, she said' with any-

body over our agency's action.

We stand by our decision; we didn't take it lightly. The action by DHS was necessary and justified to protect these clients and the staff at the facility," she said.

While that office does not anticipate further action, there are still two additional agencies who are in the midst of their investigations.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents executed a search warrant while they were on scene Wednesday, based on allegations of numerous drug violations.

"The Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing is working closely

with the Department of Human Services and DEA on this case and is reviewing evidence as the investigation moves forward," said Jennifer Bolton, Utah Department of Commerce spokesperson.

Information provided by DHS documents a number of licensing violations on the part of the resort, including several related to administration of drugs, safety and staff qualifications, plus one concerning the handling of clients' insurance policies. The statement said the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing in addition to the Fraud Division of the Utah Insurance Commission have also been notified of potential violations.

"We do not have a perfect operation, but that kind of response is inappropriate and uncalled for," Knapp said.

Scales and Tails

Reptile exhibit makes stop at the North Logan Library

By **JAVIER LABOY**
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Kids from around Cache Valley squealed in delight at the sight of colorful and grotesque reptiles on exhibit yesterday in North Logan Library.

Scales and Tails Utah is a group of professional animal handlers that are dedicated to traveling all over the state and educating the public about the nature of reptiles as well as the misunderstandings associated with them. Their performance this week is a part of the library's Summer Reading Program, in which similar events are held every week from June to July.



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Cambrie Rogers gets a kiss from an Asian Water Monitor held by Drew Webb, a presenter with Scales and Tails Utah, during an event at the North Logan Library on Wednesday afternoon.

Dermatologist found dead

By **AMY MACAVINTA**
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Police have released the name of a man who was found dead in a Cliffside neighborhood early Thursday morning.

Police identified the body as Dr. Bradley Kent Summers Sr., 58, of Logan. Summers, a dermatologist, is listed as an adjunct associate professor in the department of dermatology on the University of Utah website. Summers ran dermatology clinics in Logan, Layton and Ogden.

According to police, it appears that Summers was out running at about 7 a.m. in a neighborhood east of Gibbons Park.

Logan Police Capt. Curtis Hooley said there was no indication of an auto-pedestrian collision and it appears that Summers experienced some sort of medical emergency.

A resident in the area spotted his body in the roadway and contacted police, who later said Summers had no pulse.

Sentencing in attempted homicide put on hold

By **AMY MACAVINTA**
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A Preston man who pleaded guilty in May to firing a gun at two emergency responders was to be sentenced on one felony count of attempted homicide Monday, but that hearing was postponed after he announced

he wanted to reconsider his options.

Cade Austin, 29, was arrested in December after an alcohol binge reportedly led to a crash on U.S. 91 near Richmond, followed by an exchange of gunfire and a standoff with police that ended when he lost consciousness inside his car.

Attorney Bryan Galloway, who was appointed as Austin's defense attorney, said he filed a motion to withdraw the guilty plea at Austin's request. The Preston man initially said he has had more time to reflect on the events that took place on Dec. 15 and he does not believe he is guilty of attempted homicide.

In the courtroom Thursday, Galloway asked the judge to place that motion and the upcoming sentencing on hold and allow Austin some time to retain a private attorney, allowing him to further analyze the situation and make sure he was making the right decision.

"I always want some to get as

much help and advice on a case as they can," Galloway said. He offered to step down immediately, but that will not take place until Austin has officially retained a new attorney.

Austin has until July 11 to retain an attorney and decide if he still wants to withdraw his plea or proceed with sentencing.

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