



# News Release

## Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

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## **Inmate Escapes from Medicine Wheel Treatment Facility**

Mission, OR – On Monday, January 16, 2023, Tom Redhawk Tias, 22, reportedly assaulted a family member at Medicine Wheel Recovery Services in St. Helens, Oregon. Shortly after the altercation, Tias removed his monitoring device and absconded. A federal warrant has been issued for his arrest, and officials believe Tias may be headed to the Pendleton area.

Umatilla Tribal Police Department (UTPD) is coordinating with state, local, and federal law enforcement and is also seeking the public's help in locating Tias. UTPD urges the public not to interact with Tias, but to call the UTPD dispatch immediately at 541.278.0550 with any information regarding his location.

Tias, a resident of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in December 2022. His sentencing is scheduled for April 10, 2023.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes, formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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