

## Feds: Former US attorney for Oregon lied about affair

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PORTLAND (AP) — Former U.S. Attorney for Oregon Amanda Marshall violated sexual harassment laws while having an affair with a subordinate and lied about the relationship when confronted, federal authorities said Tuesday.

The Office of the Inspector General released the findings in a brief investigative summary that did not identify Marshall by name. A government official speaking on the condition of anonymity confirmed it's about Marshall.

The inspector general said Marshall won't face criminal prosecution, but the findings will be forwarded to the Office of Professional Responsibility. That office will decide whether her conduct warrants referral to appropriate bar authorities.

Attorney Charese Rohny, who represented Marshall at the time of her resignation, said she would speak with Marshall about whether to comment on the investigation.

Marshall cited health problems stemming from post-traumatic stress disorder when she resigned last year amid rumors she had an inappropriate relationship with an assistant U.S. attorney and harassed him with unwanted text messages when the affair ended.

The inspector general found that the "intimate personal relationship" lasted for more than a year and the U.S. attorney continued to participate in work-related matters involving the subordinate. Investigators determined that the relationship, and the "multiple harassing communications," violated

sexual harassment laws and regulations.

The summary said Marshall lied about the nature of the relationship when confronted, violated instructions not to have contact with the assistant U.S. attorney and tried to impede the investigation by telling the subordinate that he was the subject of the probe and should not speak with the inspector general.

John Lavinsky, counsel to the inspector general, declined to discuss specifics of the case and identified the Privacy Act as the reason for shielding the U.S. attorney's name.

An Obama appointee, Marshall was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in September 2011 and began her work as U.S. attorney that October. She was replaced by Billy J. Williams in 2015.

## OSU Press publishes "Ricky's Atlas"

CORVALLIS — The Oregon State University Press has published "Ricky's Atlas: Mapping a Land on Fire," a sequel to its first book aimed at children, written by two OSU faculty members.

In 2013, the press published "Ellie's Log: Exploring the Forest Where the Great Tree Fell," the story of two children exploring an old-growth forest in the Oregon Cascades. Written by Judith Li, and illustrated by M.L. Herring, the book received several honors, including the Green Earth Book Award Short List for books aimed at children, and an honorable mention from the John Burroughs Riverby Award Committee.

"Ricky's Atlas" continues to explore the nature of Oregon, this time east of the Cascade mountains, where Ricky Zamora and his friend Ellie delve further into the relationship between people, plants and animals, while

dealing with a wildfire.

The two young explorers hike across a natural prairie, climb a fire tower, study historical photos and maps, and learn about the role of fire in nature. Ricky's love of map-making and his natural curiosity help shape the story.

"Upper elementary kids will enjoy the mixture of amazing adventures with actual historical, physical and ecological data about the region," said Marty Brown, marketing manager for the OSU Press. "Woven into the story are the small pleasures of ranch life, intriguing stories of Native Americans and early settlers, and almost unbelievable views of ancient fossils.

"Ricky and Ellie's explorations, accompanied by their hand-written notes, introduce readers to a very special landscape and history east of the Cascades."

Li is a retired associate professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at

OSU, where she worked as a stream ecologist and participated in the National Science Foundation-sponsored Long-Term Ecological Research program at the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest.

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Herring is a science writer and illustrator who heads the communications program in OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences.

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