

Attorney files motion for co-counsel

BEND (AP) — The attorney for a community college security guard charged with murder in Central Oregon is asking a court to approve a co-counsel, saying he expects the charge to be elevated to aggravated murder, making him eligible for the death penalty.

Edwin Lara, who worked at Central Oregon Community College in Bend, is jailed in Northern California as a suspect in a shooting and

carjacking in Yreka. He is charged with murder in the death of Kaylee Sawyer, 23, of Bend, whose body was dumped in a small canyon off a highway between the Central Oregon towns of Redmond and Sisters.

In a motion filed last week, Portland attorney Benjamin Kim asked the Deschutes Circuit County Court to authorize the appointment of Steve Lindsey, also from Portland, as co-counsel.

Oregon bottle deposit rising to a dime in April

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's bottle deposit is doubling next April to try to boost redemption rates.

Five years ago, the Legislature decided that if the redemption rate fell below 80 percent for two consecutive years, the five-cent bottle deposit would be doubled.

The redemption rate didn't even hit 70 percent in 2014 and 2015, so the deposit will rise April 1.

Oregon Liquor Control Commission spokeswoman Christie Scott tells *The Oregonian/OregonLive* that the state will use the lag time to work with manufacturers, beverage distributors and consumers to prepare for the change.

Cans and bottle labeling must be updated to reflect the 10-cent deposit and redemption centers must reprogram their machines.



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The Notables will perform in a benefit concert for Warfighter Outfitters at Shepherd of the Hills.

Swing concert benefits veterans

The Notables, a Bend swing band, will perform on Sunday, August 28, in the tent at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church from 4 to 6 p.m. There is no charge for the event. Donations will be accepted to support Warfighter Outfitters, a veterans support organization founded by veteran Brett Miller of Sisters.

"This annual gift to the community is presented with joy," said church council President Carmen Hull. "That is our priority. The opportunity to assist our veterans is an added benefit. Our goal is for everyone to have a good time on a lovely summer evening."

The Notables plays swing hits and golden oldies from the 1930s-1950s in the tradition of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and Count Basie. They are a 17-piece group with big-band sound that plays at a variety of festivals and music venues in Central Oregon and often at the Bend Senior Center.

They think of themselves as "infectious" with bebop rhythms and recall of lighthearted, fun memories. Their greatest desire is to bring smiles to faces of their older listeners and to get younger generations to appreciate the big-band sound that once topped the charts. The band likes to get people tapping their feet

until they want to get up and dance.

There are no tickets for this event. The church welcomes everyone, including summer visitors.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is located at 386 N. Fir St. For information, call 541-549-5831.

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