

Man charged with running prostitution ring

According to police, a Eugene man operated in escort services and hotels and brothels

By Jesse Sowa
Community Reporter

A Eugene man was indicted Jan. 15 on 25 felony counts and five misdemeanors related to prostitution activities, a police news release said.

According to the release, Terrence Jason Schehen, 20, is accused of engaging in the act of promoting prostitution and vic-

timizing a juvenile over the past few months.

The police investigation showed that Schehen began pimping a minor in February or March of 1997 and that he continued to pimp her through escort services in Lane and several other counties throughout the state for several months, police said.

From approximately September through December 1997, he pimped an adult locally through escort services, the news release said, and he later pimped her in

brothels and hotels in Nevada.

Schehen was arrested Jan. 14 when detectives from the Lane Interagency Enforcement Team and Eugene Police Department executed a search warrant at his home. He was found to be in possession of merchandise purchased with a forged credit card. Schehen did not resist arrest and is currently in custody at the Lane County jail.

Schehen is charged with 21 counts of promoting prostitution, five for contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, one for compelling prostitution, one for

third-degree assault, one for illegally possessing a firearm and one for forgery.

Schehen is one of the 18 people under investigation on suspicion of being pimps in the Central Lane County area over the past year. Two of the three alleged victims in this case are under the age of 18.

The case against Schehen was aided largely by assistance from young victims who chose to come forward after hearing news reports requesting help from others whom pimps have hurt.

House: Some facility features will be left behind

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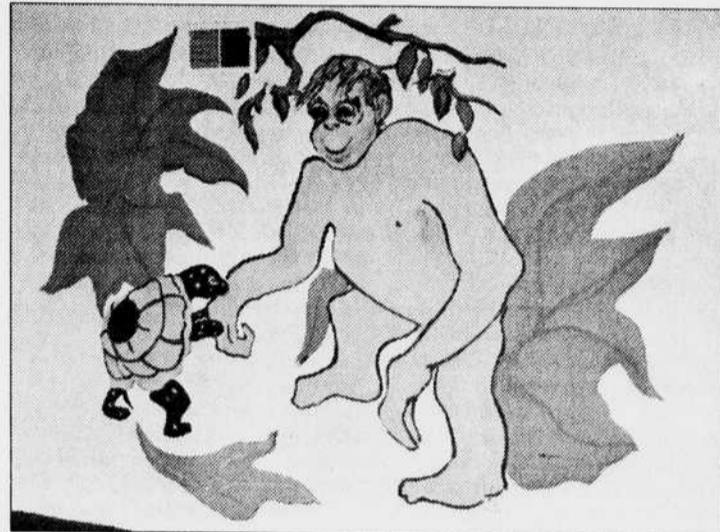
there, including learning to use language, to use the toilet, to share and begin to discover the magic of books and explore art media," said child care coordinator Dennis Reynolds. "For many kids the Villard House was also the first time with peers, and they learned how to share and not hit or bite."

In 1995, funds were allocated for improvements on four houses the Child Care Development Center used on the east side of campus, Reynolds said. It would cost an estimated \$130,000 to bring the Villard House up to commercial child-care facility standards and rezoning codes.

"It was determined that it wasn't cost effective to allocate that much money to serve so few kids," he said.

The children who used the warm and cozy house, however, had a place to go after it was gone. After restructuring the age groups, the EMU Child Care Center took in eight of the 12 toddler slots available. The program lost some space, but it still manages, Wheeler said.

"It's really nice because it's smaller and easier to supervise," she said. "We've managed to get this really cozy."



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Colorful murals decorate the walls of the former child care center.

The Spencer View Co-op Family and Vivian Olum Child Development centers also were places for students and faculty to drop off their kids for the day, Reynolds said.

In the meantime, the Villard House will be extensively renovated and will offer a student family a place to live and raise their kids, possibly by spring term, said Frank Gaddini, family housing

area director.

"The house is big enough that if one parent goes to school, the other can stay home and take care of the kids and possibly work in the home," Gaddini said.

Renovations will begin by bringing the plumbing and the electricity in the 75-year-old house up to code and replacing some of the fixtures that have been removed. The cost of reno-

vating Villard House is not known, he said, but funding will come from University Housing's operations budget.

Despite extensive renovations, some features of the child care center will remain for incoming renters, Gaddini said, including the garage, which was once a large playroom that featured ramps and platforms, and the indoor sand-

"The family who gets to live here will have a lot of fun with it," he said.

The kitchen that served breakfast and lunch to those in the house and to other area child care houses will be reverted back into a "family-style" kitchen, Gaddini said. A new family will enjoy the large and spacious house and make it a home of their own. But many will miss the Villard House. Teachers, assistants and students will all remember it fondly, and they all will have learned from it. But the children will remember most of all, Reynolds said.

"They ate there, napped there and were comforted when they fell down," he said. "It was full of laughter, love and occasional tears. It was home away from home."

Review board proposal will go to voters

A Eugene committee's plan for a police review agency would alter the city charter if passed

By Tricia Duryee
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Eugene citizens will now have to make a decision as to whether they want to have an independent party to which they may complain about the police.

After four months of collaboration between more than a dozen concerned citizens, a final proposal was reached last night about an external review board. After two hours of debate, the committee decided to send the proposal to the citizens of Eugene for a vote during the Nov. 3 general election.

The duties of the board, if voted on by the public, would include participating in investigations when necessary, reviewing and recommending investigations and compiling an annual report regarding the behavior and discipline of officers.

Instead of setting up a proposal that would allow the city manager to appoint the seven member board, the committee decided to attempt to change the city charter to allow the City Council the authority to be involved in personnel matters and policy implementation.

Committee member Neil Vansteenbergen didn't know how

he felt at first. "I will share my ambivalence. The independence is very important to me — it is not going to work well without that — but we've worked with this a long time and we could try [control under the city manager] for a year."

He continued, "I don't know what to do. I'm hesitant to send it to the voters. I don't think it is going to pass."

Elaine Green, who was the only one who voted against trying to amend the charter, said it was because she felt the motion was still affiliated with the June 1st incident, where protesters were pepper sprayed by police downtown.

As of now, the City Council is not allowed to appoint a board to examine internal or external complaints about the police department. Although some members of the committee did find it a possibility that the charter amendment may lose in the election, they decided in a 12 to one vote that it was the only way to have a completely independent review board.

"The costs and implications are worth it," said Ron Chase, a committee member. "There's a lot of risk involved. I would just as soon lose [the election] and get nothing and start from the beginning."

The proposal will be presented to the City Council on February 11. The committee has not decided whether to present other options as well.

Committee member Ellen

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Public comment sessions for the External Review Advisory Committee:

- Tuesday, Jan. 27
12:30-2:30 p.m. Sheldon Community Center, 2445 Willakenzie Rd.
- Wednesday, Jan. 28
6-8:00 p.m. Whiteaker Elementary School, 21 N. Grand
- Thursday, Jan. 29
6-8:00 p.m. Churchill High School, 1850 Bailey Hill Rd.

Klowden was concerned whether the police department would oppose the charter amendment and lobby against it.

Ken Saxon, a Eugene police officer, said they won't: "This community is giving us mixed messages. The reason I would like to see it go to the vote is because we truly want to reflect the values of the community."

The public will have an opportunity to ask questions and give their opinions next week.

If the plan fails, some committee members still have ideas. "My timeline is exactly the same. The voters need an opportunity to address this issue, and if the answer is no I will be disappointed, but I'll be back in five or six years with another plan," said committee member Bill Young.

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