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Man allowed into child care centers had criminal past

Photographs of children are lost after a photographer hired by the UO is arrested on charges of incest

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A man who photographed children at the University's childcare facilities in mid-November was arrested in Portland on Dec. 2 on Louisiana charges of aggravated incest, raising concerns among University officials about how the man's criminal past went undetected.

Stephen Dale Jackson, 31, had several photography sessions with children at the Moss Street Children's Center and the Westmoreland Child Care Center between Nov. 15 and Nov. 23.

The children were always accompanied by another adult, Vice President for Student Affairs Anne Leavitt said in a Dec. 8 interview. University officials "are quite certain that no inappropriate behavior" occurred during the sessions, but they have sent e-mails to parents asking them to watch their children for warning signs.

"As far as we know, there has been no misconduct or crime committed — there's just an anxiety," Leavitt said. "We're worried because of who he was in another community, not because of really anything he's done here."

Leavitt said the University did not

have a contract with Jackson and did not pay him. The University did not perform a background check on Jackson, Leavitt said, because the University does not conduct background checks on parents and family members using child-care center services.

Leavitt said the state has extensive policies regarding the security and accessibility of child-care facilities and the University always abides by them.

"They're state mandated," Leavitt said. "We follow them to the letter."

Jackson was a member of the University's child-care community, living in family housing with a family that used the child-care center's services, Leavitt said, adding that he also had parent references, business cards and examples of his work.

"It never occurred to us that a member of our own community that would offer a service like this would end up being a person who we wouldn't want to have near children," Leavitt said.

Leavitt said University officials will meet to discuss how a man wanted on felony charges gained access to the center and how to prevent it in the future. They are also going to review procedures at other universities, she said.

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STEPHEN DALE JACKSON

University to seek approval for funds for bakery locale

The University has until Jan. 15 to purchase the Williams Bakery site, which would cost \$24.7 million

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There's something about the Williams Bakery site that makes it worth almost \$25 million to the University, and it isn't the lingering aroma of fresh-baked bread.

Located on the corner of 13th Avenue and Moss Street, the bakery's proximity to the University and the soon-to-be constructed Bus Rapid Transit system are valuable qualities, qualities that University officials say make the location pertinent to the long-term development of the University.

During a Dec. 10 telephone conference, the State Board of Higher Education allowed the University to seek approval from the Legislative Emergency Board to release \$24.7 million in state-backed bonds for the University to use in acquiring the site.

United States Bakery, the company that owns the bakery site, gave the University until Jan. 15 to purchase the property.

University Vice President for Administration Dan Williams said the date is not so much a deadline as it is a check-in date and reflection of the bakery's needs.

"They know what our schedule is

for receiving authorization," Williams said. "Our part of it is complicated and their part of it is complicated."

University President Dave Frohn-mayer told the board during the Dec. 10 meeting that obtaining approval from the emergency board to release the bonds is "just the next step in the land acquisition process."

Frohn-mayer said the situation qualifies as an emergency "because of the seller's timeline," and the magnitude of the land acquisition makes it crucial that all necessary steps be taken as soon as possible.

"We have a major project but a very small time frame in which to constitute it," Frohn-mayer said.

Jerry Boness, chief financial officer for United States Bakery, said the company "absolutely understands" the complicated process the University must go through to acquire the land.

"We've always had a good relationship with our neighbors," Boness said. "There's just a lot going on, and we have to make a decision."

The University's goal is to build a new basketball arena on the site, Williams said, but University officials say the land can be used for just

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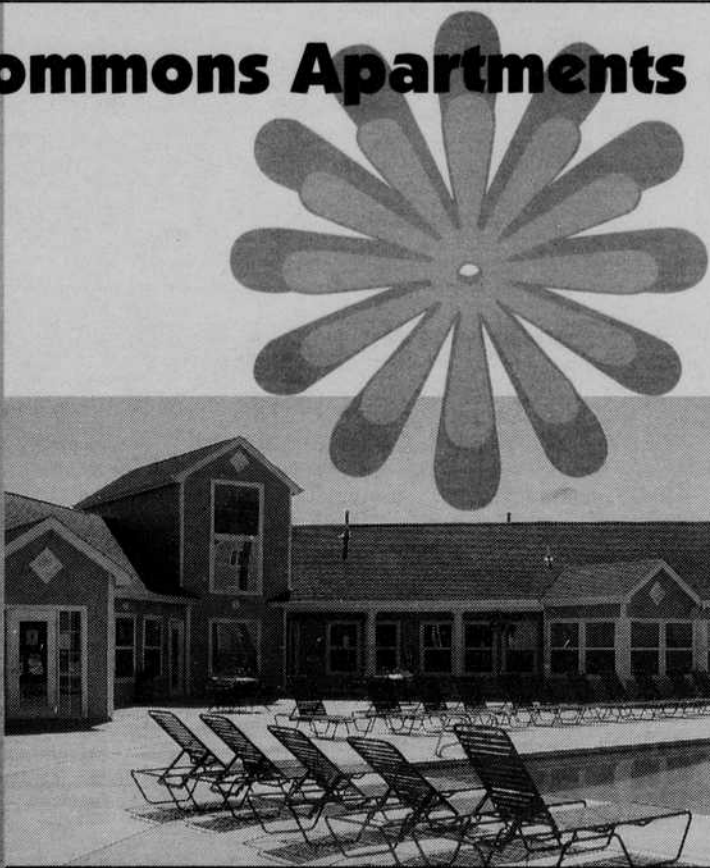
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