

OREGON IN BRIEF

**Portland State invests \$3 million for new research centers**

PORTLAND — Portland State University is investing \$3 million into efforts to research homelessness and improve urban cores. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports university President Rahmat Shoureshi announced Monday the funding dedicated to a new Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative and a Digital City Testbed Center. The collaborative aims to search for solutions to homelessness and examine its contributing factors. The testbed center will focus on how technology can be used to make urban areas more efficient, greener and healthier. The centers will be given about three years to demonstrate their effectiveness and that they can attract outside investment. Shoureshi aims to eventually create seven of these research centers at the university. The two pilot programs will be swapped for another idea if they are unable to become financially independent.

**Man gets 18 years in prison for sexually abusing girls**

GRESHAM — A Gresham man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for sexually abusing two girls in 2013.

KATU-TV reports 31-year-old Tyler Wilkerson pleaded no contest and was found guilty of nine counts of first-degree sexual abuse, six counts of second-degree sexual abuse and one count of second-degree attempted rape.

He was sentenced Tuesday. According to Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill, Wilkerson was a friend of the victims' mother at the time of the assaults.

Prosecutors say he abused the sisters over a two-month period when he was staying with the family.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office began investigating the case in April 2017 after one of the victims disclosed she had been sexually abused.

**Former Oregon water district employee sentenced for theft**

SALEM — A former water district employee in northwestern Oregon accused of stealing \$24,000 has been sentenced to 24 months in jail.

The Statesman Journal reports 51-year-old Patricia Gilbert was sentenced Monday in a Marion County court after pleading guilty to two felony theft charges.

The Santiam Water Control District fired Gilbert in mid-February after the district learned of her embezzlement. Gilbert worked as an office manager for about eight months with the district.

She was ordered to pay nearly \$24,000 in restitution.

The district delivers water to more than 8,000 people in the Stayton area. It has four full-time employees.

**Portland man sentenced in home invasion attack**

PORTLAND — An Oregon man has been sentenced to five years in prison after authorities say he broke into a Portland home and tried to sexually assault an 18-year-old woman.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports 51-year-old Thomas Johnson was sentenced Tuesday after pleading guilty to first-degree burglary and attempted first-degree sexual abuse.

According to court documents, Johnson was wearing a bikini when he entered the house in August 2017 and

got on top of the woman who was in bed.

She told authorities he threatened her and squeezed her throat. Her boyfriend returned home and started punching Johnson who then ran from the house.

Johnson told the court he "regrets" his actions and that he had been on methamphetamine for days leading up to the attack.

Johnson must register as a sex offender.

**Portland officers and man they shot to death identified**

PORTLAND — The Oregon State Medical Examiner has identified a man shot to death by Portland police officers Sunday as 27-year-old Patrick Kimmons.

The medical examiner said Monday that Kimmons died of gunshot wounds.

Officials with the Portland Police Bureau say officers were patrolling the downtown area early Sunday when a shooting happened nearby that injured two people.

Police say that moments later Sgt. Garry Britt and Officer Jeffrey Livingston fired at Kimmons. He died at a hospital.

Police say the two people injured in the initial shooting were treated for serious injuries.

Police say a gun was found near Kimmons and that other firearms were recovered in the area. Police say they are reviewing video recovered from the scene and are interviewing two officers who police say witnessed the shooting.

The officers have been placed on paid administrative leave until an investigation is complete.

**Woman who accused man of road rage attack pleads guilty**

BEND — An Oregon woman who accused a driver of attacking her and her passenger has pleaded guilty for her role in an incident that left another driver with a broken jaw.

The Bulletin reports 35-year-old Megan Stackhouse pleaded guilty Monday

to assault on punching Cheryl Norton of Bend after a traffic crash in May.

Norton told The Bulletin that Stackhouse hopped a curb and hit Norton's vehicle. Stackhouse reportedly refused to provide insurance information and angrily confronted Norton.

Under the proposed deal, Stackhouse would serve four days in jail and

do 30 hours of community service.

Stackhouse and her partner also made the news after they told police they were victims of a June 1 violent road rage attack.

However, prosecutors dismissed charges against the man in that case, saying the women lacked credibility and their injuries didn't match up with their story.

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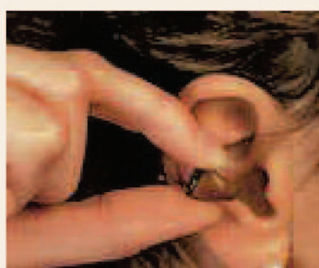
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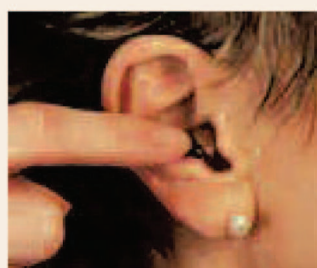
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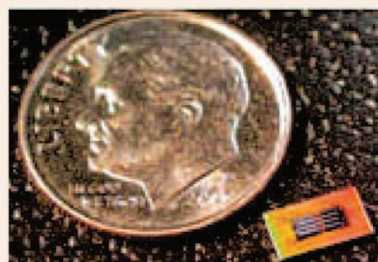
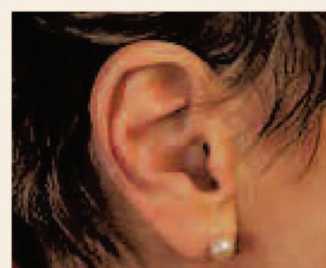
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