

Roseburg Couple Charged with Child Sex Crimes, Animal Sexual Abuse

Roseburg, OR -- Two people have been arrested in Roseburg for child sex crimes and animal sexual abuse. Last month, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) conducted a criminal investigation involving child exploitative material. The investigation started in June when detectives identified a 5-year-old child depicted in photographs and videos of child sexual abuse material. Deputies said the suspect, 40-year-old Daniel Roy Phelps, knew the five-year-old victim, who was identified as a child known to Phelps.

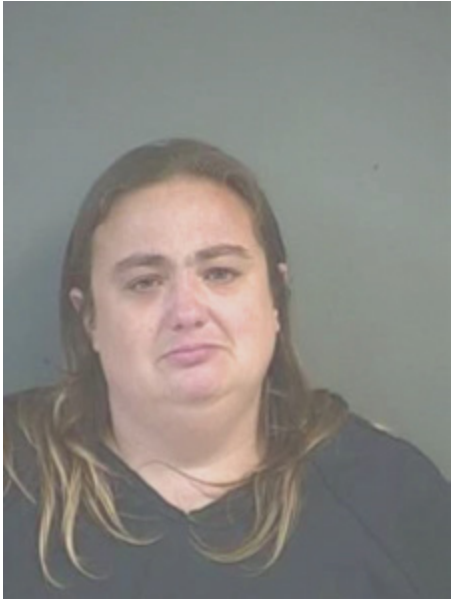
Detectives served several search warrants over two weeks to identify the suspect and the victim. During that time, detectives also worked with the Oregon Department of Human Services to remove the child from any risk of further harm, according to DCSO.

While executing a search warrant, officers uncovered evidence of a second victim, a one-year-old child. DCSO says evidence indicated Phelps' girlfriend, 39-year-old Terah Danyle Crawford of Roseburg, participated in producing sexually explicit videos of the victims. In addition to the images and videos of Phelps' victimizing the two young victims, detectives located a video of Phelps sodomizing a canine.



Daniel Roy Phelps, 40

Phelps was arrested and taken to the Douglas County Jail. He faces the following charges: two counts of first-degree Sodomy, first-degree Sexual Abuse, Using Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct, second-degree Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse, second-degree Possession of Materials Depicting Sexually Explicit Conduct, Encouraging Sexual Abuse of an Animal, Sexual Abuse of an Animal, and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor.



Terah Danyle Crawford, 39

Crawford was also arrested and taken to the Douglas County Jail. She faces the following charges: Using Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct, second-degree Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse, and second-degree Possession of Materials Depicting Sexually Explicit Conduct.

Phelps is a registered sex offender and is currently held on \$5 million bail. Crawford is being held on \$1 million bail.

Detectives believe there could be additional victims and are releasing the booking photos of Phelps and Crawford in accordance with ORS 133.870 to aid in the investigation and identify any additional criminal activity. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division at 541-440-4458 referencing case #25-2172.

Farm Stand Rulemaking Paused

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Salem, OR — On July 25, 2025, Governor Tina Kotek directed the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to pause farm stand rulemaking and reassess next steps. Governor Kotek released the following statement with this announcement:
"I want to reassure farmers who have been anxious and frustrated about how proposed changes to existing rules regarding farm stand operations may affect their businesses that I hear you and am paying attention. Visiting the diverse agricultural communities across our state during my county visits on the One Oregon Listening Tour reinforced my understanding of what it means to be a farmer. We are one state, and while

at times we may disagree, we are all connected by the same goals.
"We can support local farm businesses while also preserving Oregon's historic land use system. This is not an either/or conversation. We need to acknowledge that some of our small and midsize farms need to maintain or consider different business models to continue to deliver the agricultural products and working farms we all value in Oregon. New models for financial sustainability do not have to be at odds with our values.
"Dialogue is critical to coming together and building understanding across sectors, and across regions. I have directed DLCD to pause the rulemaking process to allow for more conversations with all interested parties and the public on this really important agri-tourism issue."

July 29th 2025 Tsunami

Wake Up Call to Action



Following the Distant Tsunami Advisory issued on July 29th, officials are reminding coastal residents about tsunami preparedness. Oregon may face two types of tsunamis: distant, which originate from far-off quakes and take hours to arrive, and local, which are caused by nearby earthquakes along the Cascadia Subduction Zone and can strike within minutes. Distant tsunami alerts come from the National Tsunami Warning Center and allow time for warning systems. For local quakes, ground shaking is your warning—evacuate immediately. To receive alerts, sign up for LaneAlerts at www.LaneAlerts.org or visit oralert.gov.

A Tsunami Watch, followed by a Tsunami Advisory issued by the national Weather Service (NWS) July 29, were cancelled July 30. The Watch and Advisory was issued after a magnitude 8.8 earthquake occurred near the Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia, at approximately 4:25 p.m. July 29. During the event, Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) urged residents and visitors along the Oregon Coast to use caution. Wave surges were expected to continue for several hours following the tsunami.

Small tsunami waves—the largest being between 1 to 2 feet in height—reached parts of the Oregon coast starting at around 11:50 p.m. on July 29.

Although The OEM said this is not a major tsunami, hazardous conditions including dangerous currents and strong wave action remained possible in coastal and harbor areas. As of Wednesday afternoon, July 30, OEM said there had not been any major damages or injuries reported from local municipalities. However, OEM continued to urge coast visitors to exercise caution as large debris washes ashore days after such an event. Even minor tsunami activity can pose a significant danger to people near the water. Strong, unpredictable currents can injure or sweep individuals into the ocean, according to the OEM.

In Lincoln City Police Sgt. Erik Anderson said his agency had issued alerts to area residents and visitors to stay off the beaches following notifications from the National Weather Service during the Tsunami Watch and tsunami Alerts. Despite the alerts, Anderson said LCPD had reports of people going to the beaches.

"There were some folks who went down there around midnight to watch for waves coming in," he said. "We can only give people the best advice that we can, what they do with it as adults is their decision."

Experts have warned the waves generated by tsunamis can be much more dangerous than regular ocean wave action.

"The tsunami waves are absolutely more dangers," Anderson said. "If a tsunami were to make landfall, there would be a significant amount of water that could push up inland."

Anderson went on to say the LCPD was ready for any significant tsunami action, and the city was continuing to monitor the tsunami warning systems.

"We have the vehicles fueled up," he said. "The administration is coordinating with local, county and state agencies and our city emergency coordinator. We'll work with her and be ready for the next one."

The next one should be the focus for Oregon Coast residents. First, create a plan and always stay informed. A good motto is "Be Prepared, Not Scared." Take a few minutes today to prepare yourself and your family or household for future events. Stay updated with current information and alerts: National Weather Service: www.weather.gov/ & Tsunami.gov: tsunami.gov/

The best approach is to make an Emergency Plan. Review NVS Tsunami Evacuation Zones. Learn what tsunami evacuation zones your home, work, school, and other areas you frequent are in. Learn the Tsunami Message definitions and appropriate actions. Talk with family and friends about what you will do, including if you're not together during an emergency. Practice your plan at different times and on different days. What will you do if you are at home, work, school, or another location? Plan to check on your neighbors or vulnerable community members and offer assistance if possible.

Create an emergency kit or update your existing one. Know what your Tsunami Alerts Mean.

Tsunami messages are issued by the National Tsunami Warning Center to alert local authorities and the public of potential danger. The Weather Service outlines four levels of tsunami alerts used in the United States:

1. Tsunami Warning – "Take Action"
Danger! A tsunami that may cause widespread flooding is expected or occurring. Dangerous coastal flooding and powerful currents are possible and may continue for several hours or days after initial arrival.

Follow instructions from local officials. Evacuation is recommended. Move to high ground or inland (away from the water).

2. Tsunami Advisory – "Take Action"
A tsunami with potential for strong currents or waves dangerous to those in or very near the water is expected or occurring. There may be flooding of beach and harbor areas. Stay out of the water and away from beaches and waterways. Follow instructions from local officials. There may also be flooding in beach and harbor areas.

3. Tsunami Watch – "Be Prepared"
A distant earthquake has occurred, and a tsunami is possible. People in coastal areas should stay alert and prepare to take action if conditions change. Stay tuned for more information. Be prepared to take action if necessary.

4. Tsunami Information Statement – "Relax"
An earthquake has occurred, but there is no threat, or it was very far away, and the potential threat has not been determined. In most cases, there is no threat of a destructive tsunami.

There may not be much time to act when the situation arises and due to the potential for destruction, you need to be prepared with an immediate but calculated response.