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girlfriend, who was not present at the time. The teenager is the girlfriend's son.

According to the KPD, the teenager fatally stabbed Holly but police had no reason to believe the community was in danger. The teenager was arrested that evening based on probable cause and lodged at the Marion County Juvenile Detention Facility.

On Monday morning, however, the teenager was released.

"Upon review of all the evidence as of (April 18), the Marion County District Attorney's Office elected to not file charges against (the teenager) at this time," a statement from the DA's office said. "Therefore, (the teenager) will be released from the juvenile detention facility without conditions."

Neighbors feel that was the right decision.

Shauna Weiss said she and her husband got home about 8:15 p.m. on April 15 and Holly pulled in right after them. Weiss said Holly's Ford Ranger pickup was steaming and Holly was "extremely intoxicated." Holly then entered his house.

"About 8:35 (the teenager) ran over to our house, banging on the door, frantic," Weiss said. "My husband opened the

door. (The teen) had blood on him and was extremely distraught. He kept saying, 'I stabbed him, Jeff needs help bad.' My husband went back over to the house with him."

According to Weiss, the teenager said he called his mom and sister, begging for them to come because Holly was screaming.

Weiss said the teenager told her Holly was on top of him, but he was able to grab a knife.

"I firmly believe if (the teenager) hadn't done what he did, he would be dead," Weiss said. "Jeff would have killed him."

Police records show Weiss and other neighbors started calling the cops on Holly starting in June 2014, shortly after he moved in. In the span of a week in late June and early July 2014, Weiss's husband called police three times about Holly, including once after Holly left a note on their door and started making threatening phone calls.

"Whatever happens, don't ever call the cops on me again," Holly's note read in part. "If you do, it will not help you, it will make things worse. Please don't escalate a non-situation."

Later, Holly called the police three times about a neighbor's barking dog. Police records show the neighbor told responding officers the dog started barking only after being antagonized by Holly, with

one reference to Holly throwing rocks at the dog.

In recent months, there were three calls regarding domestic disturbance between Holly and his girlfriend. The first happened last Nov. 12. The girlfriend told the officer there had been a verbal argument, but didn't answer any further questions, according to a police report of the incident.

The next call took place Feb. 7, with the girlfriend's daughter reporting a domestic disturbance between her mom and Holly. According to the police report, the officer observed bruises on the girlfriend and gave her domestic violence information and suggested she contact the Marion County Victim Assistance program for help in obtaining a restraining order against Holly.

On Feb. 15, the girlfriend flagged down an officer on Alder Drive. According to the police report, she asked the officer about how to get an emergency protective order since the courthouse was closed for President's Day. The girlfriend told the officer Holly had abused her multiple times during their two-year relationship, according to the police report.

Later that day, the officer obtained an emergency protective order, a new tool that became available on Jan. 1. Jeff Kuhns, deputy chief with the KPD, said this was the first

such order issued in Marion County.

The order was good for a week and forbid Holly from having any contact with his girlfriend during that time.

In the time since, neighbors constantly saw Holly's pickup at the house and wondered why it was allowed to be there. "Jeff's truck has been there everyday," Weiss said. "Police never stopped. Sometimes they hauled him in, but typically they just asked him to leave. Why have police if they can't protect us? I'm kind of surprised it took this long for something to happen. The cops didn't step in. They failed. They failed the kids."

The Coronado family had known the girlfriend for years and considered her a good friend, but that changed overnight once Holly moved in.

"This guy was something else," Frank Coronado said. "He was terrible. They had a restraining order out on this guy."

While neighbors were miffed as to why Holly was still around in light of the restraining order, Kuhns said one was never filed for by the girlfriend after the week-long emergency order was granted.

"She would have to go to a judge in the next week about getting a restraining order," Kuhns said. "Nothing happened. Had she done something, which is another review

by the court saying it should be of longer duration, we would have to find him and serve him so he can be given notice and have no contact. She could go back anytime and ask for the restraining order."

Kuhns said the officer who got the emergency order made it clear to the victim what she had to do.

"He did what had to do to protect the victim," Kuhns said. "We were hoping she would help herself. If there are uncooperative victims, we can't take action. If she had been cooperative and we hadn't taken action, our officer would have been derelict in his duties. But when you get to the last incident, the officer felt she was in danger. He took steps to assist her by following the process. This allows anyone who finds themselves in this situation to get their ducks lined up and get a formal restraining order issued."

Kuhns said responding officers can't do much if a victim doesn't cooperate or says an argument was verbal only.

"Then we are kind of stuck," he said. "We don't have probable cause in that case. That happens often. Neighbors believe it sounded physical, but if they say it's verbal only and we don't see anything that tells otherwise, it gets difficult to get probable cause. The neighbors need to know, had we developed probable cause,

our officers would have taken appropriate action and arrested the aggressor."

Coronado said his wife told the girlfriend to dump Holly.

"My wife told her something bad was going to happen," Coronado said. "I feel so sorry for the boy. I don't wish death on anyone, but I'm glad (Holly) is gone."

Daughter-in-law Tonya Coronado feels especially bad for the teenager as well.

"It's a shame he will have to live with it the rest of his life," she said. "I imagine he was quite scared. He was never the type that would get mad and fight."

Last Friday's homicide continued a busy year for the KPD. In addition to this being Keizer's second homicide in a span of two months – the other taking place at Keizer Station on Feb. 14 – there was also a fatal vehicle vs. pedestrian accident on March 11 and a shooting at the Keizer Bi-Mart on March 21.

The KPD was assisted on April 15 by the Marion County District Attorney's Office, Marion County Medical Examiner, the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police.

Anyone with information about this incident or about those involved is asked to contact KPD detective Andrew Phelps at 503-390-3713 Ext. 3497.

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"There will be the liquor store moving in there plus taking two vacant spaces," Bloch said. "They will have about 7,000 square feet."

Coker said that's a notable jump in size compared to the

current location.

"That is twice the size," he said. "The goal is to have an open sales floor of about 6,000 square feet. We're hoping to have an open shopping environment. We will be expanding our spirits section and also adding craft beers and wine. Our cooler space will be 36 to 40 feet long, with 16 doors."

Moving to a new location

isn't a new thought for Coker.

"When I took Keizer Liquor Store over, my early proposal was to move the store," Coker said. "I wanted to make sure it was sound financially first. We were always looking for a space that's more central. We've been missing some of the traffic because of how far south we are."

"We'd also get the com-

muters from Keizer Station coming to the new location," he added. "I also feel the growth of the town is going north, which makes that a better location. We're a community store, here to serve Keizer and the surrounding area. Being in an area with more traffic makes sense."

Coker called business the last two years "excellent" and

said spirit sales have been \$1 million a year. He attributes business growth to longer and more consistent hours, being open on Sundays and having more products to sell.

Coker considered the Creekside Shopping Center where Albertsons/Haggen used to be, but noted the difficulty in delivery plus the problems in turning left.

"This is a big step for us," Coker said. "We're pretty excited about the move. I'm not sure what the deal is with others leaving (Schoolhouse Square), but having a liquor store there will be a huge draw. We bring in 100,000 vehicles a year here. It's almost like having an anchor store. That much traffic will benefit the other businesses in the center."

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