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Man gets 33 years in child porn case

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A Keizer man was sentenced to more than 33 years in prison last week after being convicted on 20 counts of encouraging sexual abuse of a minor.

Judge Donald Abar delivered the 33.75-year sentence to Larry Lee Edwards May 25 in Marion County Circuit Court.

Edwards, 52, was arrested at his Keizer residence in November 2015 after Keizer police officers served a search warrant on his residence at 4090 Hennessy Lane N.E.

Keizer Police Department (KPD) received a tip that Edwards was posting images of child pornography online. Det. Ben Howden was the primary investigator.

"Without going into too much detail, certain internet service providers will alert us when one of their subscribers

is posting illegal material online, or possible illegal material, online," Howden said. "The content he was posting was of a particularly extreme nature, but we believe all of it had been created by others."

Edwards was renting a bedroom from an elderly couple that he knew. They did not know about anything he had been doing, Howden said.

Edwards was already listed on the Oregon Sex Offender Registry, stemming

from previous convictions more than three decades ago. In 1981, Edwards was convicted of attempted sodomy. In 1985, he was convicted of kidnapping and sodomy. His preferred targets are boys 12 and younger, according to the information available at sexoffenders.oregon.gov.

There are currently five



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Larry Lee Edwards, 52, of Keizer, was sentenced to 33.75 years in prison last week on 20 counts of encouraging sexual abuse of a minor.

Keizer residents on the state's registry, but that's not out of step for a city of its size. Of the three cities with populations closest to Keizer's, Grants Pass

frequency cases similar to Edwards' in Keizer.

"We can end up with two or three in rapid succession and then go a while without any at all," he said. "We know it's happening a lot more than gets discovered, but the frequency at which it's discovered is increasing because the technology for detecting it is getting better."

There is also a difference between those suspects with collections of child pornography and those actively engaging in sexual abuse.

"Sometimes when we are investigating abuse, we discover that the suspects also have collections of this type of material," Howden said.

Merely possessing material depicting child sexual abuse is a crime according to state and federal laws.

Howden added that it's difficult to single out a sex offender from the general population. One of the things he hasn't seen is any sort of trend in the type of offender.

"Whereas some other crimes tend to be committed by people who are dealing with certain circumstances, this one is committed by so many types of people from so many walks of life," he said. "If you're dealing with burglaries, you put motion lights on your house or eliminate hedges that people can hide behind. With this, it's so broad as far as reasons, circumstances and access that it's hard to say

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Wolverine 8th grader wins state title, makes history



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Nick Zuro won the state title in middle school high jump May 26.

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When Nick Zuro, a Whiteaker Middle School eighth grader, was still in the single digits, he was given a pogo stick for his birthday.

Nick had never used one before but, within 48 hours, he was jumping 1,000 consecutive times — without using his hands.

"If he wants to do something, he works hard until he does it. It's the way he's always been," said Camille Zuro, Nick's mother.

That kind of determination paid off in a big way May 26. Nick became the first Wolverine to win a state title at the Oregon Middle School Meet of Champions (MOC). As far as anyone can remember, he might even be the first state champ in the school's history in any track and field event.

"I knew it was a possibility," Nick said. "I hoped I could do it, and I was really happy when

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Marlene Story and Sandy Beach hula hoop during the Keizer Elks Car Show Sunday, May 29. With cars of all shapes and sizes, the event drew a crowd. For more photos, see Page A2.

Vehicle crashes into 7-Eleven

An unlicensed driver drove a Jeep Grand Cherokee through the front doors of the 7-Eleven at 4380 River Road N., Friday, May 27.

At 11:03 a.m., officers from the Keizer Police Department responded to the convenience store on a report a vehicle had crashed into the business.

Officers found the Cherokee parked almost completely inside the store. Several shelving units and the cashier's station had been toppled or moved during the crash. Both doors to the establishment were ripped from the hinges.

A 7-Eleven cashier and at least one patron were located inside the business near the cash register when the crash occurred, but no employees,

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A Jeep Grand Cherokee was driven through the front of 7-Eleven on River Road Friday, May 27.



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