

# 11 days after an arrest on a slew of charges, a Keizer drug dealer was back on the street

A computer algorithm helped make the call

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*Of the Keizertimes*

At the time he was released a little before midnight on Feb. 27, a computer had decided Casey Miser was the least likely of about 350 male inmates at the Marion County Correctional Facility to reoffend.

The computer got it wrong. Less than eight hours later, Miser, a 36-year-old Keizer man, was back in handcuffs on a slew of drug-related charges.

"You do not end up with a specific one-for-one rotation where one inmate takes another inmate's spot. It is more complex than that," said Lt. Chris Baldrige of the Marion County Sheriff's Office. "However, we can state that when capacity needs at the jail required a release, Mr. Miser was an inmate with the lowest score (indicating he was the least likely to re-offend) and he was the inmate that had to be released based on the jail capacity management plan."

On Feb. 16, Miser was arrested after Keizer and Salem police served search warrants on his Keizer home and a business where he worked on Portland Road in Salem.

The searches resulted in the seizure of 40 pounds of marijuana, 17 pounds of methamphetamine, five pounds of cocaine, a quarter-pound of heroin, 10,000 oxycodone pills, \$40,000 in cash, five firearms and two sets of body armor. Miser was charged with delivery of methamphetamine, delivery of cocaine and delivery of heroin. His bail was set at \$1.5 million.

Eleven days later, the jail became overcrowded with new arrests and Miser's risk assessment score resulted in him being put back on the streets as the result of a forced release.

The next morning, Salem police served another search warrant on a home he owns in Salem and found him inside with five more pounds of methamphetamine and illegal marijuana grow.

This is how a two-time drug offender was determined to be a low enough risk to warrant release:

Around 2005, the Oregon Department of Corrections and Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (OCJC) analyzed re-arrest and re-convic-

MISER, CASEY CHARLES - Release Agreement

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF OREGON )  
vs )  
CASEY CHARLES MISER, Defendant )  
N/A/NAKA )  
Case# 17CR10440 Charges DEL COCAIN;DEL HEROIN;DEL METH;  
Case# Charges  
Case# Charges  
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Case# Charges  
 NOTE One or more of the above cases include charges which constitute domestic violence.

As a condition of my release from custody, I agree to:

1. Appear in Court at 8:30 a.m. on the 3rd day of March, 2017 at the Marion County Court Annex / 4000 Aumsville Hwy. S.E., Salem, Oregon
2. Reside at 1390 RAFAEL AVE. N / KEIZER, OR 97303 Phone # (503)884-9846
3. Submit to the orders and process of the Court.
4. Appear on any future dates set by the Court until discharge or final order of the Court
5. Obey all laws, and understand that a new arrest may cause this Release Agreement to be revoked.
6. Not depart the State unless authorized by the Court.
7. NOT HAVE DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT, IN ANY MANNER, WITH ALLEGED VICTIM(S) OR WITNESS(ES): unless authorized by this court, DHS, or the juvenile court
8. If I have an attorney in this case, contact the attorney immediately upon my release and maintain contact with the attorney throughout this case.
9. Not illegally possess or consume controlled substances, and not enter places where illegal controlled substances are used, kept, or sold.
10. Not drive without a valid driver license and insurance
11. If I am on probation, parole, or post-prison supervision, contact my supervising officer upon release, and obey all conditions of my supervision

Not possess or consume alcohol, and not enter bars or taverns  
 Not possess or use firearms, and obey any current orders prohibiting possession of firearms  
 Not possess firearms or use firearms because you are charged with a crime involving one or more of the following  
 violence or threat of violence toward another person, including a member of your family or household,  
 a firearm:  a controlled substance,  other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I also acknowledge that if I violate any condition in this Release Agreement, a warrant for my arrest may be issued. Any security may be forfeited. I understand that I may also be prosecuted for either Contempt of Court or Failure to Appear. I have read this agreement, or had it read to me, and understand its terms. I swear or affirm that the above information is true, and I will comply with the terms in every respect.

Casey Miser  
Defendant's Signature

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27th day of FEBRUARY, 2017



Source: OJIN  
A copy of the release agreement Casey Miser had to sign before leaving the Marion County Correctional Facility.

tion data of 55,000 offenders from 2000 to 2005 for the purpose of developing a tool that allows jails and prisons to assess the risk an arrestee poses to the community if they are released.

After coming up with an algorithm that takes into account factors such as age, the severity of the most recent crime, the number of prior arrests and incarcerations among other factors (race is not one of them), the analysis was applied to all 350,000 offenders sentenced to probation from 1980 to the present.

While the results weren't perfect, according to an assessment on the OCJC website, the results were accurate about 70 percent of the time.

Currently, the risk assessment tool — which can be viewed and used by the public at [risktool.ocjc.state.or.us](http://risktool.ocjc.state.or.us) — lists Miser at a 43 percent chance for a new felony conviction, a 42 percent chance for arrest for a new person crime arrest, and a 74 percent chance for a new property crime arrest. Miser hadn't been arrested in the previous five years although he had

been previously incarcerated.

While it is difficult to ascertain which arrest leads to one specific inmate getting booted from a jail bed, the risk scores of the male offenders booked into the jail the same day Miser was released provide some context. A 33-year-old with a total of 16 arrests in the past five years, was arrested and jailed for interfering with an officer. His risk assessment scores were all well above 90 percent in all categories. A 26-year-old whose risk assessment scores were 100 percent across the board based on 21 arrests in the last five years, was jailed for theft. A 33-year-old arrested for burglary, scored a 98 percent chance for re-offending in a person crime. Another man was jailed for illegal possession of hydrocodone and scored in the mid-to-high-90 percentile in all categories. Finally, a 30-year-old was arrested for strangulation and had an 87 percent chance for re-offending with a person crime according to the OCJC risk tool. Several others also scored higher than Miser in a single category or all three.

It's important to note the

Marion County jail houses inmates from throughout the county, not just Salem-Keizer. The jail also houses inmates serving shorter sentences (a year or less) as well as those awaiting trial.

"When our jail neared its budgeted capacity, Mr. Miser was released so that we could hold onto offenders that posed a greater risk to public safety," Baldrige said.

For the most serious crimes, such as murder, in which suspects are not allowed to be released, the risk assessment tool isn't used. Such crimes are known as Measure 11 crimes, the result of a statewide ballot measure that set mandatory minimum sentences for crimes like murder, rape, manslaughter, kidnapping and others.

While the system is imperfect, Baldrige said it is the best tool the Marion County jail has for managing limited space.

"We do not have unlimited resources so we have developed a plan that makes the best use of the resources that we have available," Baldrige said.

## Helping hands sought for civic center clean-up

The City of Keizer is looking for more than 100 volunteers to pitch in on a clean-up effort at Keizer Civic Center Saturday, March 18.

Volunteers are needed for trimming bushes and grasses, removing and potting shrubs for replanting, removing weeds, and dumping the collected trimmings and leaves into a drop box. The clean-up is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon.

Contact Mark Caillier at [markcaillier@claggettccw.org](mailto:markcaillier@claggettccw.org) or at 503-930-7481 with

questions. Volunteers can show up the day of the clean-up without registering in advance.

Volunteers with the following items are asked to bring them if they can: wheelbarrows, plastic trash cans, rakes, brooms, tarps (to drag loads to the dumpster), pruners, shovels and weed pullers.

Those interested in volunteering should dress for the weather in long pants, sturdy shoes/boots, gloves, hats and coat. Restrooms will be available on-site and light refreshments will be provided.

## Rotary food drive launches

Rotary Club of Keizer, in conjunction with Rotary Clubs in the Salem area, is holding its annual food drive during the month of March. Marion Polk Food Share is coordinating the effort and will distribute collections to local food banks and feeding sites.

Several Keizer Rotarians

have offered to host a food drop site at their place of business. Shelf-stable, unexpired food can be donated at any of these sites: Whitaker Middle School, McNary High School, Keizer Fire Hall, Keizer Veterinary Clinic, Oregon State Credit Union, Keizer Civic Center, Home Fire Stove, Edward Jones (at McNary Estates), R. Bauer Insurance,

Loren's Sanitation, Boucher Jewelers, Boys & Girls Club, First Tech Federal Credit Union, and Keizer Chamber of Commerce.

One in five individuals struggle to put food on the table. Each month, approximately 14,000 children are eating from emergency food boxes in Marion and Polk counties.

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### 5 YEARS AGO

Gun privacy bill is big win for Rep. Thatcher  
Rep. Kim Thatcher's bill restricting disclosure of concealed handgun license holder's information now awaits the governor's signature after passing both chambers of the Oregon Legislature.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Police bag "serial" thieves  
The third time was a charm for Keizer police, as a man and woman called "serial shoplifters" by authorities were arrested at Keizer Station. The two are accused of stealing several GPS units from the Target in Eugene and reselling them in Eugene.

### 15 YEARS AGO

Towering tree's no tree at all  
A construction crew disguised a 71-foot cell tower as a giant fir tree on property behind Dan's Pawn Shop on River Road.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Patterson named top explorer  
Aaron Patterson of Keizer, a captain in the Keizer Fire District Explorer program, recently was named Explorer of the Year.

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## Today in History

The first discernible speech is transmitted over a telephone system when inventor Alexander Graham Bell summons his assistant in another room by saying, "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you." Bell had received a comprehensive telephone patent just three days before.

— March 10, 1876

## Food 4 Thought

"We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak."  
— Epictetus, philosopher,

50-135 AD

## The Month Ahead

Through Saturday, April 29

Batman! at the Keizer Heritage Museum, from the private collection of David Sherman. Free admission. Museum hours are 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. [keizerheritage.org](http://keizerheritage.org).

Friday, March 10

Poet and essayist Ross Gay to read at Oregon State University in the Valley Library Rotunda at 7:30 p.m. A question-and-answer session and book signing will follow. Event is free and open to public.

Saturday, March 11

Oregon cat video festival from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Located at the Oregon State Fair & Expo Center.

Willamette University Pow Wow, 4-10 p.m., Sparks Athletic Center on the campus. Free admission.

Millstream Knitting Guild meets at Arrowhead Mobile Park Community Center, 5422 Portland Road N.E. in Salem, 10 a.m. to noon. New members welcome, \$24 membership per year. For more information, visit [millstreamknitting.wordpress.com](http://millstreamknitting.wordpress.com).

Saturday, March 11 – Sunday, March 12

56th Brooks Breakfast to benefit Marion County Fire District No. 1 Volunteer Firefighters Foundation. 7 a.m.-noon both days. All you can eat pancakes, ham, and eggs. Adults, \$6, children 6-12, \$3, free for children 5 and under. Station 5, 4960 Brooklake Rd. NE.

Sunday, March 12

Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Move clocks one hour forward, also, check all the smoke alarms in your house.

Monday, March 13

American Red Cross blood drive, Keizer Civic Center, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS or at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (use sponsor code KeizerCommunity).

Keizer city council work session, 5:45 p.m. at the Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, March 14

Free admission all day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mayor Cathy Clark delivers the State of the City speech during the Keizer Chamber Luncheon at the Keizer Civic Center. 11:30 a.m. RSVP at [www.keizerchamber.com](http://www.keizerchamber.com). Lunch is \$20, but the room will be open to the public.

Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meets at 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Wednesday, March 15

Final day to complete the Keizer Parks Survey. Go to [keizer.org](http://keizer.org) and click on the scrolling banner at the top of the page.

Keizer Planning Commission meets at the Keizer Civic Center, 6 p.m. On the agenda: A possible gas station at Safeway.

Thursday, March 16

Comic Lewis Black performs at the Historic Elsinore Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$49.50. [elsinoretheatre.com](http://elsinoretheatre.com).

Friday, March 17 – Sunday, March 19

Cherry Blossom Theatre Festival. Twenty performances, six venues in downtown Salem. Hosted by Salem Theatre Network. Performance schedule available at [salemtheatrenetwork.org/performance-line-up/](http://salemtheatrenetwork.org/performance-line-up/). Tickets available at [pentacletheatre.org](http://pentacletheatre.org).

Monday, March 20

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, March 21

Free admission all day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 23

Alert Grow & Show Garden Club, 7 p.m. at Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd. N.E., Salem. Speaker will be a Master Food preserver from the OSU Extension Service. Free.

Add your event by e-mailing [news@keizertimes.com](mailto:news@keizertimes.com).

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