

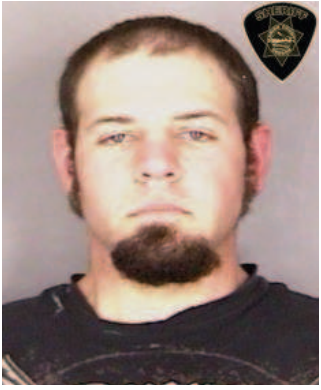
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## Salem man built box to confine ex-girlfriend



By ERIC A. HOWALD  
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The most disturbing aspect of Clinton Russell Robison's plans to kidnap his ex-girlfriend is difficult to pin down.

It might be the way he brazenly drove through a police barricade and attempted to approach a home where a SWAT team was executing a search warrant.

It could be the numerous threatening text messages he sent to the intended victim and others (see related story below, *Texts provide*).

The box he built to keep his victim in once he'd completed his plan is certainly near the top of the list.

There's also the numerous



Above: A Salem man allegedly constructed this box to keep his ex-girlfriend in while she detoxed. Top Left: Clinton Russell Robison's booking photo.

"He was watching the house like we would"

— Officer Darsy Olafson, Keizer Police Department

people he told of his plans who never called the police (see related story below, *Many knew*.)

But for Officer Darsy Olafson, of the Keizer Police Department (KPD), it was the closed loop of Robison's

thinking during questioning after his initial arrest.

"We got him back to the station and he was flat-out telling us that he had been following her and tracking her and he had found her at this house," Olafson said. "I told him

that this was weird and he was a stalker."

Robison countered telling Olafson, "Did you not hear what I just said? This girl is

on drugs and I am going to save her."

Olafson said it was one of the most unusual interviews he'd ever conducted. Not only did Robison counter every question with another question, Olafson said he was adamant about being in control. Olafson typically doesn't follow his cases through the justice system, but he said he maintained a close watch on Robison's during the past year.

In July 2016, Robison pleaded guilty to charges of burglary, assault, conspiracy to commit kidnapping, attempt to commit kidnapping, delivery of methamphetamine and stalking. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison, but is appealing the length of the sentence.

Keizer police officers are only now able to talk about the case because litigation pending against other suspects involved recently wrapped up. The story begins almost exactly a year ago.

### A "rescue" mission

On May 19, 2016, KPD officers were backing up the Salem Police Department SWAT team while it executed a warrant on a suspected drug house at 3555 Cherry Avenue

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## Many knew plans, no one called police

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Clinton Russell Robison made little secret of his plans to kidnap an ex-girlfriend in the spring of 2016.

According to transcripts of text messages, Robison contacted at least eight people who likely had some knowledge of what he was threatening to do and no one called the police. The list includes Robison's mother and roommate and the father of the victim.

That stood out to Officer Please see PLANS, Page A3

## Texts provide window into kidnapper's mind

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Clinton Russell Robison broke up with the woman who became his intended kidnap victim in March 2016.

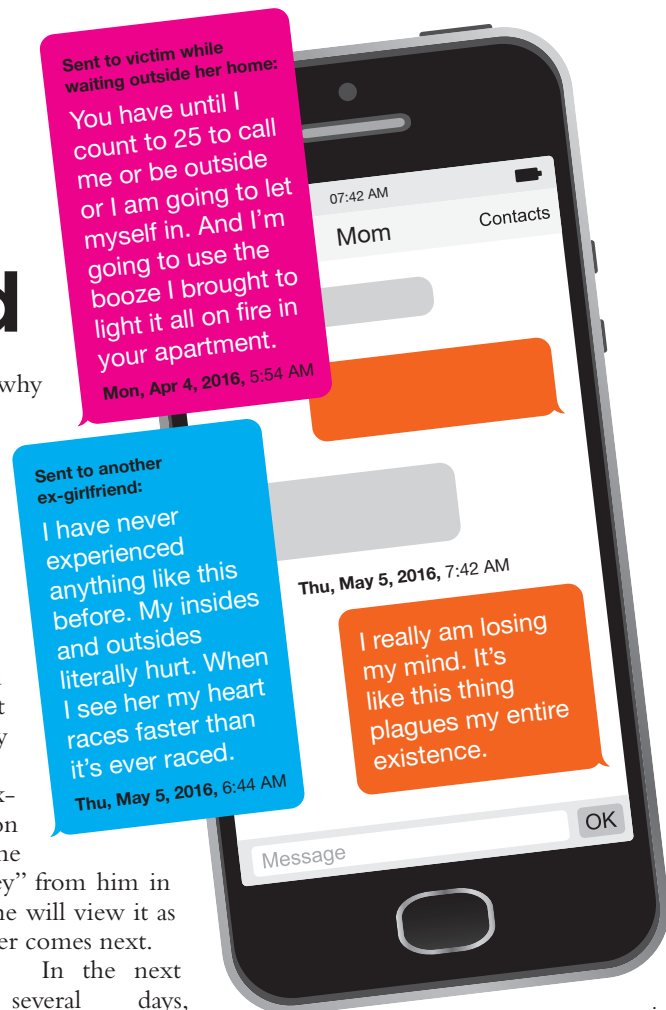
Text messages and love letters from the next three months, leading up to his arrest in May 2016, show his mental state deteriorating and words turning into action. Robison was intent on "rescuing" the woman from her alleged drug use.

On April 2, 2016, Robison and his victim argue about him keeping a key to her home. Robison had recently let himself into her home while she was there and wrestled two phones away from her.

"Do you know why crazy people do crazy things? It's really quite obvi-

ous. I don't know why so many people play dumb to it, because they get pushed over the edge," Robison wrote. "You have pushed me over the edge twice now ... Let me know when you catch onto what you should already know about me."

Later in the exchange, Robison demands that the victim "get the key" from him in the next hour or he will view it as consent to whatever comes next.



Sent to victim while waiting outside her home:  
You have until I count to 25 to call me or be outside or I am going to let myself in. And I'm going to use the booze I brought to light it all on fire in your apartment.  
Mon, Apr 4, 2016, 5:54 AM

Sent to another ex-girlfriend:  
I have never experienced anything like this before. My insides and outsides literally hurt. When I see her my heart races faster than it's ever raced.  
Thu, May 5, 2016, 6:44 AM

I really am losing my mind. It's like this thing plagues my entire existence.

In the next several days, Robison continues to harass the victim, sending as many as 83 messages in the span of 90 minutes. The situation comes to a head again in the early morning of April 5. Robison appears to be sitting outside the victim's apartment when he issues another ultimatum: "You have until I count to 25 to call me or be outside or I am going to let myself in. And

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## KFD budget grows more than 12%

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Like its call volume, Keizer Fire District's budget is growing.

The 2017-18 budget, approved by the KFD Budget Committee at a public hearing on Wednesday, May 17 and now awaiting adoption by the board of directors, calls for a 12.2 percent increase of \$764,113.

Most of the expansion,

\$695,388, comes in personnel services, which includes three new positions (firefighter/paramedic, information technology analyst and volunteer coordinator), as well as PERS and union costs.

The district has applied for a SAFER Grant for the volunteer coordinator position to help with recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Revenue is also up, a

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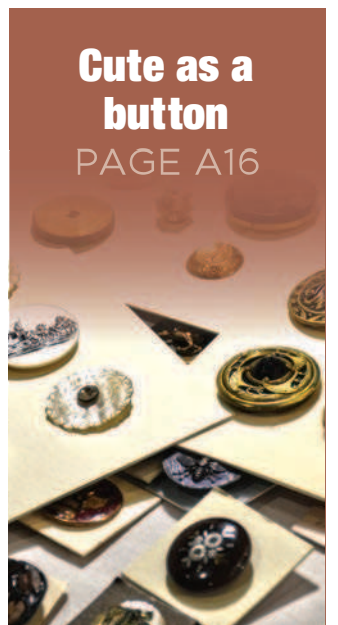
Celts roll to 2nd round  
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A questionable display  
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Cute as a button  
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Salang tops discus  
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## Gangway, here comes the parade

Ashlynn and Grayson Chaffin get excited as the Keizer Iris Festival parade approaches on Saturday, May 20. For more photos, see pages A5, A6 and A7.

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