

Sex offender placed in Gubser-area home

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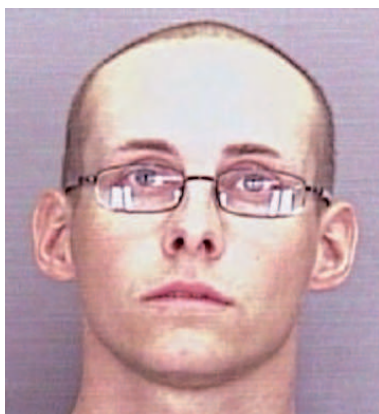
A registered sex offender being placed in a Gubser neighborhood halfway home caused an uproar on social media last weekend, but a spokesperson for the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) said it was the best option of difficult choices.

"As we assess the various housing options available to our clients, at times we are faced with the very real decision of approving a placement versus having an offender become or remain homeless," said Sgt. Jeremy

Landers, of the MCSO Community Resource Unit. "Homelessness can create additional challenges to providing supervision to an offender residing within the community."

The individual in question is Philip Martin Shupp, 30, who is on post-prison supervision after serving time for public indecency. Shupp is 6-foot-3, 210 pounds with brown hair and green eyes. The circumstances leading to his conviction are not available in online court records, but Shupp is considered a Level 3 sex offender meaning he has a

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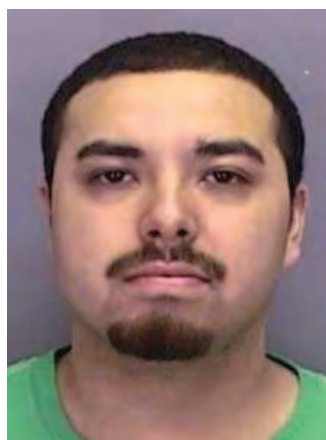


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3 killed in drunk driving wreck



Juan Carlos Rodriguez Palacios

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A man whose blood alcohol content tested nearly three times the legal limit is being held at the Marion County Jail on suspicion of causing the deaths of three Salem-Keizer teenagers as the result of a motor vehicle collision Sunday, June 2.

Salem Police Department and Salem Fire Department responded to the report of a crash at the Salem-Keizer Parkway and Cherry Avenue Northeast about 11:30 p.m.

Officers arrived to find a white Toyota Camry and a black Jeep Wrangler off of the roadway.

The initial investigation indicates the Jeep was traveling northeast on Salem Parkway at a high rate of speed when

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Youth sentencing changes concern victim's daughter, killer's sister

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March 5, 2014, was the worst day of Dana Pearson's life. Her mother was murdered, her father gravely injured and her brother and a friend stood accused of the crimes.

Brett Angus Pearson and Robert Daniel Miller are now serving life sentences for the crimes with a minimum

of 40 years after pleading guilty in 2015. Both boys were 17 years old and using methamphetamine at the time of the murder and planning had taken part over several weeks, according to prosecutors.

Dana recently testified during the Oregon Legislature's public hearings on proposed changes to juvenile sentencing and urged

further consideration before charging ahead.

"I hope you will consider not just what a sentence takes away, but what it gives; the time it provides for healing. We are all aware of what it costs the offender who spends valuable time in corrections ... His sentence has given me time to figure out how I move forward, to go grocery shopping without fearing we

might run in to him today, and the opportunity to share with my daughter as we determine appropriate," Dana told legislators. "Consider the cost this bill is to future victims, the requested acceleration of their healing is a lot to manage on top of their grief."

The bill (Senate Bill 1008) has since passed in a 20-10

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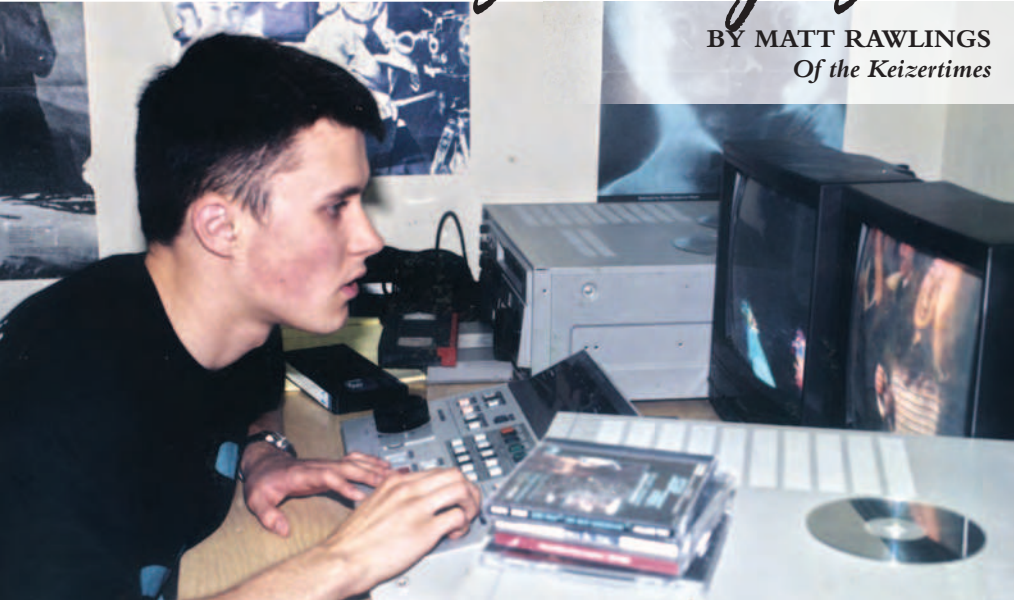
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ABOVE: Brett Pearson during court appearances in 2015. Pearson is serving a life sentence with a minimum of 40 years for the murder of his mother and wounding of his father in 2014. ABOVE RIGHT: Bill and Michelle Pearson.

Heimerdinger says goodbye to McNary



Jason Heimerdinger was a student at McNary High School, seen here in the mid-1990s doing video editing on a VCR, before becoming a beloved Celtic teacher.

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Jason Heimerdinger has been a staple of McNary High School for more than half his life.

As a student, Heimerdinger graduated from McNary in 1996 and even served as senior class president. After graduating from Loyola Marymount University, he came back to Keizer in 2000 to take over the media production program at McNary, where he has taught for the last 19 years. He has also served as the activities director at the school for 10 of those years.

But this summer, Heimerdinger will begin a new chapter in his career.

At the end of the school

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"My initial plan was not to be a teacher. I always thought I was going to work and produce content somehow."

— Jason Heimerdinger

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