

USS Freedom refuels



The USS Freedom, homeported in San Diego, and in the north Pacific Ocean conducting rough weather testing, stopped at the Port of Astoria Thursday and Tuesday for scheduled refueling and maintenance. According to the U.S. Navy, the USS Freedom is a littoral combat ship, designed for operation in near-shore environments yet capable of open-ocean operation. The 387-foot vessel, which drafts only 14 feet and can travel at more than 40 nautical miles per hour, cost \$670 million, was built in the Marinette Marine Corporation's shipyards north of Green Bay, Wis., and was delivered to the Navy in 2008.

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Trial set for former OSP trooper accused of child porn charges

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A trial date has been set for the former Oregon State Police trooper accused of multiple child pornography charges.

David Charles Corkett, 53, is scheduled for a trial to begin at 9 a.m. May 19.

Corkett, who served as a senior trooper in the Astoria Area Command Office until his resignation Jan. 23, 2013, was arrested in April 2014 on 29 charges of second-degree encouraging child sex abuse.

At a hearing Tuesday in Clatsop County Circuit Court, Corkett's defense lawyer Lisa Maxfield presented two motions to dismiss the case.

In her motions, Maxfield of Portland-based Pacific Northwest Law argued the alleged child pornography material was a form of freedom of expression, not child abuse, and the material can only be lewd if the person possessing

it is sexually aroused.

"Whether something is in fact lewd hinges on if the person in possession of that photograph is sexually aroused by it," Maxfield explained.

Maxfield wrote in her motion that most, if not all, of the images were produced outside Oregon, were recorded before the state statute was enacted and were produced in places where the age of consent is 16 or younger.

In addition, the motions claim most or all of the images are not sexually explicit. Maxfield specifically points to images from a Swedish art film that won Sweden's most prestigious film prize, the Guldbagge and was Sweden's official selection for the 54th Academy Awards.

Other images were from nudist publications, the motion states.

Prosecutor Dawn Buzzard said the case is not a freedom of expression issue, but an

exploitation issue that caused child abuse.

"The issue of whether or not the video and photographs are sexually explicit is an issue for the jury to decide," Buzzard wrote in her response.

Judge Paula Brownhill overruled the defense's motions, effectively moving the case forward to trial. A hearing on a third motion to dismiss, regarding the ages of the people in the material, was set for 1:30 p.m. May 5.

Prior to the hearing Tuesday, Buzzard offered a plea deal to Corkett to avoid trial. Corkett, who is living in Southern California on a release agreement and attended the hearing by phone, declined the offer.

Corkett was reportedly wanted on the felony charges following an international child exploitation investigation, "Operation Spade," conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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