

Couple takes plea deal for sodomy charges

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The Westport couple accused of sodomizing their 2-year-old daughter twice over the past two years agreed to a plea deal Wednesday in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Mackully Anthony Jacob, 22, and Bethany-Ann Jessup Jacob, 22, both pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of first-degree attempted sodomy (class B felony), after originally being charged with two counts of first-degree sodomy (class A felony).

The attempted sodomy occurred on two occasions between Jan. 1, 2013 and Jan. 1, 2015.

Judge Paula Brownhill sentenced the couple to each serve three-years probation and 90 days in jail, which they will get credit for already serving.

If they violate the probation, they will have to serve four years in prison.

The reason for the "downward departure" of probation instead of prison time, is due to Mackully and Bethany-Ann cooperating with the state and

being amenable to treatment, according to sentencing documents.

As part of their sentencing, Mackully and Bethany-Ann are required to complete sex offender and substance abuse evaluations and treatment, register as sex offenders and cooperate with the Oregon Department of Human Services.

They cannot contact or associate with each other, unless authorized in writing by the court of probation officer, or the toddler, unless authorized by DHS, according to the sentencing documents.

Mackully arrived at the St. Johns Hospital emergency room in Longview on Jan. 3 with his parents and admitted to hospital staff that he and Bethany-Ann had inappropriate relations with their daughter, according to a Longview Police report.

He told police the inappropriate action happened twice in one night at their home on Old Mill Town Road in Westport while him and his wife were high on adderall, a prescription drug often used to treat narcolepsy and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The incident happened in May 2013 when the girl was about 9-months old, police later discovered.

Longview Police arrested and booked Mackully Jan. 5 on a fugitive warrant, filed by Clatsop County District Attorney's Office. He was later extradited to Clatsop County Jail.

Bethany-Ann was also arrested and booked Jan. 5 by Clatsop County Sheriff's Office at her home in Westport.

Her and Mackully had been married for two years and decided to get married in part due to her being pregnant

with their daughter, according to the incident report. She claims they split up about a week before her arrest.

While they were high on adderall, she said, Mackully would talk about molesting their daughter, according to the report. Such comments compelled her to take their daughter and run away to Idaho in June 2013. She got a restraining order against her husband while in Idaho.

The 2-year-old girl is reportedly staying with Mackully's parents in Columbia County.

Comments sought on proposed countywide park smoking ban

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Locals will have their say before the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners vote to possibly ban smoking and tobacco use in county parks.

The Board of Commissioners opened public comment Wednesday at its regular meeting, and will keep the comment period open until its next meeting May 13.

The public is invited to send in written comments until the May 13 meeting, and provide testimony at the meeting before the Board of Commissioners is scheduled to vote.

Supporters of the proposed ban point to environmental concerns and health reasons such as decreasing exposure to secondhand smoke, encouraging more smokers to quit and discouraging children to start smoking.

Clatsop County Parks Manager Steve Meshke said the proposal would effectively add county parks into the county's existing no tobacco policy, created in 2011, is enforced outside county department buildings.

Parks impacted by the proposed policy include Big Creek, Carnahan, Cullaby Lake, LeeWooden/Fish Hawk Falls, Klootch Creek, North Fork Nehalem, Sigfridson, John Day and Westport boat ramp.

"There is a lot to be said about this," Meshke said. "This ban will help promote a healthy environment

in parks, especially for the youths, so we are not promoting smoking and tobacco products."

Robert McClelland of Astoria — the chairman of North Coast Prevention Works, a group formed in 2010 to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse — offered his support for the ban Wednesday night during public comment.

McClelland told the Board of Commissioners a smoking and tobacco ban would offer a cleaner and healthy park experience and reduce the exposure to children.

"The promotion of smoke-free parks reduces the exposure of children to smoking and tobacco use," McClelland said. "We know children model their behavior on the actions of adults around them."

The Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning Advisory Committee recommended the ban in November. Although the recommendation passed, some on the committee expressed concerns about people's personal rights, how the policy would be enforced and the need for such a policy since parks are outdoors.

The proposed ban includes smoking of any material, including electronic cigarettes and chewing tobacco, which when spit out creates both public health concerns and maintenance issues for county staff, according to the parks department.

"We pick up a lot of cigarette butts in the county parks, especially along

the water's edge and the John Day bathroom areas," Meshke said. "It will save the parks a lot of man-time to cleaning up cigarette butts we find throughout the park."

In other business the Board of Commissioners:

- Directed a steering committee that includes Commissioners Sarah Nebeker and Dirk Rohne to approve a scope of work agreement with Kennedy Consulting regarding a 360 performance evaluation of County Manager Scott Somers. The steering committee will report back a finalized agreement at the next Board of Commissioners meeting May 13.

- In response to Gov. Kate Brown appointing Astoria resident Bruce Buckmaster to a long-vacant seat on the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, agreed to send a letter of support to State Sen. Peter Courtney, D-Salem, who is the president of the Senate Committee on Rules. The Senate Rules committee is scheduled to host a hearing on Brown's executive appointees May 14.

- Set a public hearing May 13 on the annexation of the Arch Cape Domestic Water Supply District filtration plant into the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District. The filtration plant was recently found to be located outside, but adjacent to, the rural fire protection district. Because of the chemicals and equipment in the filtration plant, fire protection is necessary, county counsel said.

A little off the top



Crews from Arbor Care Tree Specialists cut down dead and at-risk branches from the giant sequoia on the Capt. George Flavel House Museum property Tuesday. This is the first time the tree has been thinned since being planted in the late 1800s.

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Get your kids ready for kindergarten

Free workshops to be offered

Clatsop County parents with preschool-age children are encouraged to register for one of three "Kinder Ready" workshops to be held this spring. These free Saturday morning workshops are sponsored by Clatsop Kinder

Ready and Northwest Parenting to help parents prepare their 3-5-year-old children for the modern day kindergarten. Workshops are planned for:

- Saturday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Seaside Public Library, 1311 Broadway, Seaside.

- May 2, 10 a.m. to noon, Warrenton Grade School, 820 S.W. Cedar Ave., Warrenton.

- May 16, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Astoria Library, 450 10th St., Astoria.

At Kinder Ready Workshops grownups participate with their preschool-age children to explore a tote bag full of educational materials and learn ways to use the materials at home to learn about letters, colors, shapes, numbers and counting through songs, playful games and explorations.

Families receive as a free gift all the hands-on materials explored during the workshop. Workshop leaders are local teachers and early childhood educators.

Registration is required. To register for one of the workshops, call Northwest Parenting at 503-325-8673, ext. 2. Space in each workshop is limited.

CCC job fair welcomes employers

Clatsop Community College and WorkSource Oregon will host a job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 6 in Columbia Hall on the main campus, 1651 Lexington Ave., and invite employers with current job openings to participate. Registration is free, and employer representatives will

be hosted at a complimentary breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Registration is required by May 1 to ensure adequate space. Contact Lisa Nyberg at 503-338-2480 or lnyberg@clatsopcc.edu, or register online at www.clatsopcc.edu/jobfair

CORRECTION

Clothing Size Incorrect — The size of women's clothing needed for the Koch family is 2X. Their home and possessions were lost in a fire Mon-

day. Men's size 33 pants, large shirts and meals are needed as well. To help, contact Angie Koch at 503-440-1751 or Greg Koch at 503-440-2142.

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