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Smith seeks gag order, change of venue

Attorneys will likely raise mental issues as defense

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A defense lawyer for Jessica Smith, the mother accused of killing one daughter and injuring another, announced at a hearing Tuesday in Clatsop County Circuit Court he will request a gag order and change of venue for the trial next year.

William D. Falls said extensive media coverage, including video and photographs of his client in a jail jumpsuit and shackles, gives the public an unfair perception that Smith is dangerous.

Smith, 41, will be unable to get a fair trial in Clatsop County as a result, he said.

Falls' proposed gag order would not allow the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, local police departments or the 'We do not need the publicity. We do not need to try this case in the news.'

– William D. Falls defense lawyer for Jessica Smith

FBI to discuss the case with the public or media

We do not need the publicity. We do not need to try this case in the news," he said.

In response, Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis found Falls' request unnecessary. Materials submitted

between the defense and prosecution are public record, Marquis said, and the public and media are entitled to report on the information.

"Ironically, this case has probably received more trial in the metro-area where the defendant is from, than in Clatsop County," Marquis said.

Judge Cindee Matyas did not make a ruling on Falls' request Tuesday.

At the status hearing, Falls and co-counsel Lynne Morgan indicated mental health issues are going to be involved in the case. The defense lawyers submitted a notice last month intending to present evidence that Smith suffered a "disordered mental state" at the time of her alleged crimes.

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ONE DOLLAR

Jessica Smith is escorted into the Clatsop County Courthouse for a status hearing Tuesday in Astoria. Smith is charged with aggravated murder and attempted aggravated murder in the drowning death of her 2-year-old and cutting the throat of her teenage daughter in Cannon Beach.

Something's brewing at Fort George



'The goal is to not run out of beer' **By EDWARD STRATTON**

The Daily Astorian

ort George started its operation in March 2007 with "Sweet Virginia," an 8 1/2-barrel brewing system so named after co-owners Chris Nemlowill and Jack Harris flew to Virginia Beach, Va., hired drivers to take the system back on a flatbed truck and followed them in a U-Haul back to Oregon.

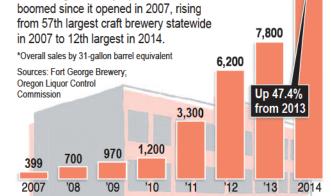
On Friday, Nemlowill looked on while his employees and a moving crew lifted three more 120-barrel fermentation tanks and another 120-barrel brite tank and lowered them onto stands in front of a patio full of people.

This week, the tanks were moved into the Lovell Brewery that Fort George opened in 2010. They were custom-fabricated in Portland to fit that space.

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Fort George barrel sales* 11,500

Fort George Brewery's production has boomed since it opened in 2007, rising



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ABOVE: Crews from Fort George Brewery use a crane to unload a fermenting tank from a trailer in the Fort George Brewery courtyard Friday. RIGHT: Michal Frankowicz, with Fort George Brewing, helps steady the fermenting tank as it is lowered into position. In order to pick up the tank, a cable was run through a hole in the ceiling of the brewery and attached to the top of the tank.

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Denim and Diamonds funds hospital need



The big spenders came out in force for the 1960s-themed "Party Like Mad Men" Denim & Diamonds fundraiser for the Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation.

At the event, the foundation announced the launch of its \$3 million capital campaign to support construction of the hospital's and Oregon Health & Science University's Knight Cancer Collaborative, which will bring radiation therapy to the North Coast. By the end of the night, the event had raised more than \$840,000. Including previous donations, the campaign has brought in \$1.5 million.

Fund-a-Need

The foundation's honorary campaign chairman Willis Van Dusen, state Sen. Betsy Johnson, radiologist Dr. William Armington, dentist Dr. Jeff Leinassar and cancer survivor Judy Coleman took the stage for the annual Fund-a-Need appeal, which raised \$736,600.

Armington, a local radiologist, and his wife Deborah went all in, donating \$250,000 to the foundation.

"When we first moved here in 2007, Bill immediately recognized the need for cancer care in our community, since there was a lack of cancer treatment options locally," Deborah Armington said. "For the past eight years, he has been quietly working in the background to help make extensive cancer treatments available on the North Coast.

'This has been a mutual goal of ours from the beginning, so we knew that when the time came, we would step up and make a meaningful, personal financial commitment to help





Deborah and Dr. William Armington, center, donated \$250,000 toward the Knight Cancer Collaborative at Saturday night's Denim and Diamonds fundraiser.

Submitted photo