

Suspect: Kidnapper left girl in Astoria Monday

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our investigation, but I think the charges speak for themselves," Astoria Police Deputy Chief Eric Halverson said.

Deviney allegedly kidnapped the girl on Saturday in Sanger, Calif. He left the girl and his 2004 Nissan Pickup at McDonald's in Astoria Monday evening.

The girl was later reunited with her family, who drove up from their home in Sanger. Police said she is in good health.

According to court documents, the girl had been chatting on the social media application Instagram with Deviney, who she believed

was an 18-year-old named James Russell, or "JR." She told investigators she became upset with her mother on Friday and shared her feelings with "JR."

"JR" suggested they go on a one-day vacation, court records state. She snuck out that night with her overnight bag and went to meet "JR." When she arrived, Deviney was wearing a hood, so she could not see his face, but he eventually admitted he was twice her age.

"Once she realized the person she was meeting actually was a 48-year-old man, she was already in the vehicle and under Deviney's control," Halverson said. The

girl told Deviney she wanted to go home. Court records reveal Deviney then took her cellphone — removing the SIM card that tracks location — and told her they were going to Oregon. The girl told investigators they crossed the Golden Gate Bridge and stopped at some point at a Chevron, a Walmart, Lincoln Beach and visited Long Beach, Wash.

Deviney allegedly sexually assaulted the girl at a rest area, where a sign read, "History of Oregon," according to court documents.

At some point during their travels, court documents show, the girl was able to get her SIM card back and make

brief contact with her mother.

The girl's mother told a Fresno, Calif., news outlet she received a text message from her daughter's phone on Sunday. The message said the girl was scared, did not know where she was, and wanted to come home soon. The latest text message from the girl's phone came from Seattle or along the Oregon-Washington border, according to the report.

While returning to Oregon from Washington, the girl told investigators, Deviney received a phone call from the police Monday. He then parked at the McDonald's in Astoria and told her he was going to obtain a car part.

However, court documents state, he then collected his belongings, including a sleeping bag, and fled. The girl then entered the McDonald's.

Before his arrest, Deviney was reportedly spotted at the U Street Pub in Seaside and the Seaside Outlet Mall earlier Thursday.

"There is no indication Astoria was their intended destination," Astoria Police Chief Brad Johnston said.

Johnston encourages parents to talk to their children about online safety issues and to monitor how their kids use the Internet, social media and cellular devices.

If any parent needs help,

Johnston said, a good resource is the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website www.missingkids.com

"This case highlights the benefits and the dangers of social media. The victim in this case did not have any way to verify the identity of the person she had been corresponding with," Johnston said. "However, once she was recovered, the Astoria Police Department was able to use social media effectively to communicate with the public."

Deviney is expected to be arraigned on the charges today in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Fees: Congress created the visitor fee system in 1965

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the Netul Landing and to help replace the park's aging septic system. In addition, visitor fee revenue will help fund handicap accessibility.

U.S. Congress created the visitor fee system in 1965 for the 131 parks. Lewis and Clark National Historical Park charged visitors \$1 per visit in 1987. The current fees started in July 2001 with an increase from \$2 to \$3 per day.

In 2005, the NPS allowed the park to raise its entrance fee to \$5, but the superintendent at the time opted not to approve the increase since Fort Clatsop had just been destroyed in a fire.

Deferred maintenance

Much like every other national park, Tucker said, his park is consistently faced with a backlog of maintenance work that goes unfunded each year.

Entrance fees help with some maintenance, he said, but is still a fraction of the park's budget — about \$1.6 million annually.

The park must compete for grants and collect donations, he said, while roads and buildings continue to age and need upgrades.

Deferred maintenance



In this 2013 photo, Doug Graham, left, and Josh Fry, right, construct boardwalks to go over creeks and marshy areas along the Kwis Kwis Trail.

— the cost of maintenance not performed when it was scheduled and is put off or delayed — totaled \$4.3 million at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in the fiscal year between October 2013 and September 2014.

The majority of deferred maintenance at the park was for road repairs and paving,

which reached \$3 million of the \$4.3 million total. Deferred building repairs was \$450,000, and deferred trail maintenance was \$688,000.

"They are very consistent numbers," Tucker said. "Our budget doesn't allow us to capture all the maintenance we need to do."

At the four national park

sites statewide, the total deferred maintenance cost is nearly \$68 million since October 2014.

Crater Lake National Park has the largest amount at about \$48 million, according to the park's Facility Chief Ray Moore.

Most of Crater Lake's

maintenance is for its roads. Rim Road, which takes visitors around the lake, is scheduled to start a major renovation in June, Moore said.

"Budgets don't always cover everything that needs to be done every year," Moore said. "It's sort of a never-ending fight unless we are able to get additional funds somewhere. You pick the most important things that need to get addressed now."

Oregon Caves National Monument had about \$16 million in deferred maintenance last fiscal year. At John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, deferred maintenance costs were \$2.3 million last fiscal year and are already \$1.2 million since October.

The Tacoma News Tribune reported last month there is nearly \$507.2 million in unfunded repair projects at eight National Park Service units in Washington state, including Mount Rainier and Olympic National Park.

Nationwide, deferred maintenance costs in 2014 totaled \$11.49 billion for 407 locations, the newspaper reported.

Even with the larger bud-

gets of well-known parks such as Mount Rainier or Yellowstone, Moore said, the parks still come up short financially. Moore compares some of the nation's parks to small cities, but without the support of a local tax base.

"We have a bunch of little cities out there," Moore said. "And we don't have property taxes to tap into."

Community support

Tucker considers Lewis and Clark National Historical Park a strong economic engine for the Lower Columbia region. Since its formation in 1961, the park welcomed its 9 millionth visitor earlier this year.

In 2014, more than 240,000 park visitors contributed \$119 million to the local economy and supported 211 tourism-related jobs. The park has had a 25 percent visitor increase since 2011.

Although the entrance fees are increasing next year, Tucker believes it's still a great deal for visitors.

"The community was supportive of the park and supportive of increased fees, especially for it going back into the park," Tucker said. "It will improve their experience at the park."

Kicker: Taxpayers will get rebate in the form of credits against 2016 tax returns

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Feb. 19 forecast. The actual amount will be determined in the next quarterly forecast in September.

Taxpayers will get a rebate in the form of credits against tax returns they will file by April 2016. Lawmakers reverted to the credit in 2011 and ended the practice of mailing checks.

According to state economists, Oregonians with median adjusted gross incomes of between \$30,000 and \$35,000 — half the taxpayers earning more, and half less — would get a projected credit of \$144.

For an average taxpayer with adjusted gross income of \$53,900, the credit is projected at \$284.

The kicker is estimated at under 7 percent of tax liability.

The most recent kicker was for \$1.1 billion in fall 2007. That represented 18.6 percent of tax liability.

More for spending

Meanwhile, the economists project \$19.2 billion available in resources — tax collections and lottery proceeds — for the next two-year budget cycle starting July 1.

"But it can sour overnight," McMullen. "So far, we haven't had a dollar in the door for 2015-17."

Not all of that amount is available for spending. Lawmakers must build into the next budget a carryover amount for the 2017-19 budget cycle, and put some money into a state reserve fund.

The budget framework drawn up by the Legislature's chief budget writer back on Jan. 14 envisioned \$18.5 billion in spending. That's about \$100 million less than proposed in the budget submitted by then-Gov. John Kitzhaber back on Dec. 1.

But they also compiled an



Brian Davies/The Register Guard via AP, file University of Oregon graduates make their way through campus during the traditional Duck Walk preceding graduation ceremonies in Eugene in 2013. Oregon's next state budget takes shape this week, when economists tell lawmakers how much money they'll have to spend. Even before the numbers come out, a wide variety of groups, including higher education advocates, are clamoring for their share of the pot.

add-back list totaling \$150 million, excluding what lawmakers already earmarked for the state school fund.

McMullen said that between two state reserve funds and a projected ending balance, the state budget will have \$900 million unspent in various accounts by the end of the next cycle in mid-2017.

Lawmakers will now wrap up spending decisions, which typically take about 30 days after the forecast. Their target date for adjournment of the 2015 session is June 26; the legal deadline is July 11.

Gov. Kate Brown issued this statement after the release of the forecast:

"I am pleased that strong economic growth will enable us to invest an additional \$100 million in our public

schools as well as fund early childhood, career technical, and STEM programs that support student success and reduce the opportunity gap. According to the U.S. Department of Education, Oregon's 2013 graduation rate was the worst in the country. We simply must do better, and we will.

"Additionally, Oregon's positive economic outlook allows us to reinvest in other priorities for middle-class Oregonians such as access to health care, ensuring public safety, and promoting rural economic development while also building our savings. It's important to have funds in reserve for future needs."

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