

Cops nab more home-invasion suspects

By KYLE SPURR
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Two remaining suspects connected to the assault and robbery during an Astoria home invasion in April have been caught.

Amanda Maye Preston, 26, of Tillamook, who allegedly acted as a getaway car driver, and Leticia Vivian Westfall, 21, of Astoria, an alleged lookout, were recently arrested and booked in Clatsop County Jail.

Preston was arrested May 17 by the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office and transported to Clatsop County Thursday. She pleaded not guilty Friday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to the same 13 counts of assault, burglary, menacing, unlawful possession of a weapon, robbery and theft as the four other suspects already in custody.

Westfall was arrested on the 1600 block of North Wahanna Road in Seaside May 7 by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office. She is being charged with two counts of hindering prosecution.

She is scheduled for an arraignment June 2. Preston has another court hearing June 12.

"With the arrest of Preston, we have now located all of the main people involved," Astoria Police Deputy Chief Eric Halverson said. Anthony Victor Lane, 30, of St. Helens, was the first suspect caught

from the home invasion April 3 at a residence on the 300 block of Alameda Avenue in Astoria. A month later, Tillamook residents Joseph Vernon Armstrong, 31, and Tasha H. Van Dolah, 33, were identified, along with Kevin John Morse, 26, of Astoria.

Court documents reveal Armstrong and Lane entered the Alameda Avenue residence April 3 wearing masks and demanded money and cellphones. They allegedly struck two men with firearms and batons and took items from the home. The assaulted men had significant head and body injuries. Two other women in the residence were injured from pepper spray.

Armstrong and Lane reportedly stole two purses, a cellphone, a stereo speaker and fled the residence in a Oldsmobile Bravada, court documents state.

A Seaside detective found the Oldsmobile Bravada shortly after the incident at Arnie's Café in Warrenton, but the vehicle was unoccupied.

Lane was identified as a suspect, in part, after he made a phone call to an inmate in Tillamook County Jail the day of the assault and robbery and said he was in hiding, according to court documents. He also told the inmate he "had gone to do a hit on a guy."

A Tillamook County detective overheard the phone call and informed the As-

toria Police.

Oregon State Police found Lane April 28 on the 1800 block of South Roosevelt Drive in Seaside.

Astoria Police believe there might be other people who aided Lane while he was on the run.

"There is a potential that other people could be charged later, but that remains to be seen," Halverson said.

Lane, who pleaded not guilty earlier this month, is due back in court June 1.

Armstrong and Van Dolah, an alleged lookout during the incident, are facing the same 13 counts as the others. Armstrong is scheduled for arraignment Wednesday. Van Dolah has not yet been transferred from Tillamook County Jail, where she is serving time for previous burglary and drug charges.

Morse, another alleged lookout and aid to Lane, also faces the same 13 counts along with a charge of hindering prosecution for providing Lane transportation.

Morse pleaded not guilty to the charges and will appear in court again Wednesday.

When Lane allegedly committed the assault and robbery, he was out on bail for a charge of felon in possession of a firearm that occurred in Seaside March 17. That charge will be handled separately at his next court hearing June 1.

Alleged kidnapper pleads not guilty to new charges

By KYLE SPURR
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Russell Wayne Deviney, the Everett, Wash., man accused of kidnapping and raping a 15-year-old California girl, pleaded not guilty Friday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to 12 felony charges.

Deviney, 48, was arrested May 14 just south of Cannon Beach on six charges. The charges were doubled after a grand jury met Thursday. A grand jury indicted Deviney for first-degree kidnapping, two counts of first-degree rape, two counts of first-degree unlawful sexual penetration, two counts of first-degree sodomy, two counts of using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct for photographing the girl naked, and three counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

He made an initial court appearance May 15, when his bail was set at \$1 million. District Attorney Josh Marquis requested the high bail amount after discovering Deviney had assets from former employment with Microsoft.

In court Friday, Judge Philip Nelson continued the \$1 million bail. Deviney's appointed defense lawyer James von Boeckmann argued that Deviney no longer has the assets the state believes.

As a result, von Boeckmann plans to ask for a bail hearing for the court to decide if bail should be lowered.

"It was inflated because the state had some information that they thought Mr. Deviney had money due to a previous association or employment with Microsoft," von Boeckmann said. "He has told me otherwise. The guy has no money."

A nationwide felony warrant was issued last week out of Clatsop County Circuit Court for Deviney's arrest.

Cannon Beach Police and FBI agents found Deviney behind a locked gate in a privately owned wooded area south of Cannon Beach, after a passer-by reported seeing him and called Cannon Beach Police.

When Deviney was asked his name, he simply said, "I'm the guy you're looking for."

Deviney allegedly kidnapped the girl May 9 in Sanger, Calif. He left her and his 2004 Nissan Pickup at McDonald's in Astoria May 11.

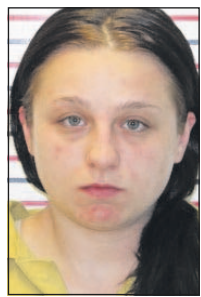
The girl was later reunited with her family.

Deviney allegedly sexually assaulted the girl at an Oregon rest area. The charges against Deviney claimed the alleged crimes occurred in Clatsop County.

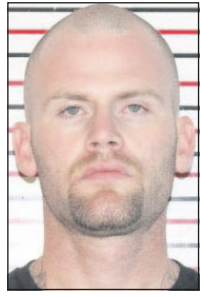
He has no local ties to Clatsop County and there is no indication Astoria was his intended destination, according to Astoria Police.

Marquis said other jurisdictions could also charge Deviney.

Deviney is due back in court at 10:30 a.m. June 12 for an early resolution conference.



Amanda Maye Preston



Anthony Victor Lane



Leticia Vivian Westfall



Russell Wayne Deviney

Bank some time at the college

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Clatsop Community College will host This As That Productions and its partners Lower Columbia TimeBank and Portland Time Bank for a screening of "Time as Money," a new feature documentary film by Lenore and Mark Eklund about timebanking.

"Time as Money" will be shown at 2:30 p.m. June 18 at the college's South County campus, 1455 N. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside.

The second showing will be 6:30 p.m. June 18 on the college's main campus, 1651 Lexington Ave., in Columbia Hall Room 219. The screening will be followed by a question-and-answer with Lenore Eklund and board members from the Lower Columbia TimeBank.

"Time as Money" is a documentary exploring timebanking, a service exchange program that uses time as the currency. Timebanking began in the

1980s, while civil rights lawyer and former speech writer for Robert Kennedy, Edgar Cahn, was lying in a hospital bed after a heart attack. The experience of feeling helpless, similar to the disenfranchised and unemployed, gave him the idea to create a new system of money as a tool to connect people and neighbors called time dollars.

The film was funded with time, the currency of timebanking, with which production help was paid.

Fishing boat sinks; Coast Guard at scene

ILWACO, Wash. — Coast Guard incident management crews are monitoring a sunken fishing vessel for pollution and hazard to navigation concerns in the Ilwaco Channel near Cape Disappointment.

There is a potential of 500 gallons of diesel fuel aboard the vessel.

At 5:38 a.m. Saturday, watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Columbia River in War-

renton received a report from a good Samaritan via VHF-FM channel 16 that the 37-foot fishing vessel *Four Forty* had struck a piling in Ilwaco channel.

The good Samaritan rescued the two people aboard *Four Forty* before the vessel sank about 100 yards east of the "A" Jetty in about 40 feet of water.

Coast Guard pollution responders and investigators ar-

rived on scene around 8:40 a.m. and are actively monitoring the situation. A light sheening has been reported in the area.

The owner of *Four Forty* is working with a salvage company to remove the vessel from the channel. Its position has been marked by a red cherry buoy and Coast Guard watchstanders have issued a Safety Marine Information Broadcast to alert mariners in the area.

"We are asking all mariners to steer clear of the area around the sunken vessel," said Petty Officer 1st Class J.M. "Mike" Bennett, situations unit controller at Sector Columbia River. "The crews on scene are working to mitigate any potential pollution and remove the vessel as quickly as possible."

Coast Guard officials are investigating the incident.

Lawmakers pressed to extend, expand film credits

By PETER WONG
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon's tax credit for in-state film and video production has four more years to run, but its advocates have come to Salem to urge lawmakers to extend and expand it.

While they didn't put on the full-court press they did two years ago, when the tax break was up for renewal, advocates say Oregon should seize the opportunities opened by filming such television shows as "Leverage," "Grimm" and "The Librarians."

Christian Kane, who plays Jake Stone on "The Librarians," was one of those talking with lawmakers this week.

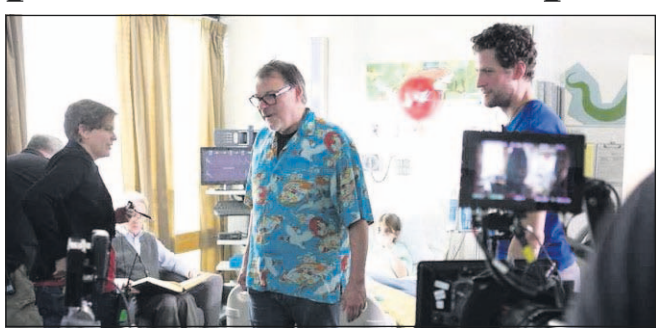
"Oregon allows itself to become any other place," he said. "If we want to go to a different city or country, you can find something like it in Oregon. For us, that's the beauty of filming in Oregon. It's really fun to be able to use Oregon for everything it is worth — and we do."

"The Librarians" starts shooting its second season for TNT on June 3. Its creator is Dean Devlin, who also was co-executive producer of "Leverage," which also aired on TNT for five seasons from 2008 to 2012, and which was filmed in Portland.

"Grimm," the NBC series filmed in Portland, ended its fourth season on May 15.

The current Oregon Production Investment Fund is limited to \$10 million annually in tax credits, which are subtracted directly from taxes owed, and which are auctioned. The credit was renewed in 2013 for six years.

Film and video producers qualify for a 20 percent rebate on in-state spending for goods and services — there is a \$1 million minimum expenditure — and a



Jonathan Frakes, center, directed episode 103 of *The Librarians*, part of which was filmed at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital. Film and TV interests are pressing legislators to extend and expand tax credits for such productions.

10 percent rebate on wages paid, including out-of-state residents.

"As a result of this investment, there are shows that are happening and getting Oregon noticed," said Rep. Tobias Read, D-Beaverton, one of the legislators promoting expansion. "I want to make sure we extend

this program and increase our investment in it, because it does so many good things for the state."

Tax committees have before them House Bill 2072, which would expand the credits fund to \$20 million annually and provide incentives for production outside Portland; House Bill

2898, which would extend the credit to 2024, and Senate Bill 872, which would extend the credit to Oregon producers of video games.

Oregon rates only two stars among the states with film and video production tax incentives by the Film Production Capital website.

According to a 2014 report by the National Conference of State Legislatures, 39 states have tax incentives for film and video production, but others have dropped or scaled back their programs.

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