

Seaside man sentenced for rape

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A 19-year-old Seaside man was sentenced to five years probation after pleading guilty to raping a girl under the age of 16.

Devlin Diego Stricklin pleaded guilty last week in Clatsop County Circuit Court to third-degree rape, a class C felony.

In addition to probation, Stricklin was sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for time already served and ordered to have no contact with the victim or minors.

He must also register as a sex offender, complete sex offender treatment and pay a \$1,000 compensatory fine.

In April, Stricklin was indicted on charges of first

and third-degree rape from incidents that occurred in August 2014. The first-degree rape charge, which was dropped as part of Stricklin's plea agreement, claimed the girl was "incapable of consent by reason of mental incapacitation."

Mental incapacitation includes mental illness, being under anesthesia, or more commonly, being intoxicated by drugs or alcohol, according to the District Attorney's Office.

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Stricklin on the charges in April, and he was held in custody on \$500,000 bail.

Stricklin, who was represented by defense lawyer Kirk Wintermute, appeared in court Friday to enter his guilty plea and accept his sentence.



Devlin Diego Stricklin

Party planned for Boy Scouts who rode across country

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American Legion Post 12 will hold a welcome home party at 2 p.m. Saturday for Bike Trip America, the fundraiser started by Astoria High School student Bryce Nurning for Operation Comfort Warriors.

Nurning and fellow Boy Scouts Ryan Tallman and Jonathan Williams, along with 70-year-old Vietnam veteran Don Child, left

the Peter Iredale shipwreck June 18 and dipped their tires in New York's Hudson River Saturday.

Along the way, they raised nearly \$20,000 for the American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors, an organization aiding veterans.

The party, which is free and open to the public, will be at American Legion Post 12, located at 1132 Exchange St.

City will remind consumers to conserve water

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Consumers will get a reminder on their water bills to conserve water.

The city will also take out an ad in The Daily Astorian outlining suggestions to reduce consumption.

Earlier this month, the City Council unanimously approved voluntary water conservation recommendations after weather forecasters predicted little rain until the end of October.

The city's Public Works Department has said water storage volume is at 95 percent of average for this time of year.

But if the lack of rainfall persists for a few more months, the city might have to impose mandatory water restrictions.

The voluntary recommendations include checking faucets and pipes for leaks, only using dishwashers and washing machines with full loads, and not watering lawns.

Workshops offered on government contracts

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Federal, state, and local government agencies spend millions of dollars every year purchasing goods and services from the private sector.

Clatsop Economic Development Resources will host upcoming workshops taught by the Government Contract Assistance Program on helping businesses

snag some of that business.

The workshops will teach small business owners:

- The certifications and registrations necessary to sell to the federal, state, and local governments.
- How the government procures goods and services.
- How to assess the government marketplace and find contracting opportunities.

About resources to help businesses throughout the process, from market assessment to pursuing opportunities, and contract award, performance and payment.

The workshop runs from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 27 on the college's main campus at 1651 Lexington Ave. in Columbia Hall Room 219.

From 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 27 in the same location, the contact

assistance program will provide step-by-step training on how to use government websites to find which agencies are buying products and services.

To schedule a 30-minute, one-on-one counseling session with a procurement counselor at the Government Contract Assistance Program, contact Carley Dirks at 503-344-6618 or cdirks@gcap.org2

College library taps Kralik as new director

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Luke Kralik is the new director and head librarian of the Dora Badollet Library on Clatsop Community College's main campus.

Kralik, who started Aug. 3, replaces Candice Watkins, who recently became director of Tacoma Community College's library. Kralik has served as library director and librarian at Tillamook Bay Community College since January 2011. He has also been a reference librarian at Tillamook County Library, school librarian at Sacred Heart School in Medford and a reference librarian at the Jackson County Library.

He holds a bachelor's of fine arts from Southern Oregon University and a master's of library science from Emporia State University in Kansas. Kralik, who maintains his interest in fine arts and painting, will relocate to Astoria with his wife and three daughters.

Kralik is responsible for all functions of the library and adjacent Learning Commons, including information liter-



Clatsop Community College photo
Luke Kralik is the new director of the Dora Badollet Library.

acy, collections services and open educational resource development, which he said is a key focus.

"Integration of (open educational resources) into the curriculum will be a great benefit to our students," Kralik said. "They will have access to a wider range of resources at a much lower cost. OER can help eliminate the need for expensive textbooks."

Kralik said he intends to devote time to getting a sense of need from students, faculty and the community, and is excited to be in a larger institution yet still be able to develop personal connections with library constituents.

Judge Brownhill presented with lifetime achievement award

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Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Paula Brownhill was presented with the Chief Justice Juvenile Court Champion Lifetime Achievement Award last week at a meeting of the state's juvenile court judges.

Oregon Chief Justice Thomas Balmer presented Brownhill with the award, which is given annually to a judicial officer in recognition of lifetime contributions in juvenile dependency and child welfare issues.

Brownhill, who has served Clatsop County and the state for more than 20 years, has been a longtime advocate for children appearing in court so that they can be heard in an age-appropri-

ate manner.

Not only has she been a strong voice for children and families at both the county and state level, she has also been a caring, clear, and compassionate judge with deep knowledge and respect for the rule of law, Balmer noted during the state juvenile court judge's Aug. 10 meeting.

Brownhill received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oregon School of Law and was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1981. She worked as an attorney with a family and juvenile law practice until her



Judge Paula Brownhill

appointment to the bench in November 1994.

In 2002, Brownhill was recognized as a Juvenile Court Champion by former Chief Justice Wally Carson. She is the primary judge for dependency cases and the judge of the Clatsop County Family Treatment Court, which she helped to establish in 2006.

In addition, she is a part of the Clatsop County Dependency Team, Clatsop County Domestic Violence Council and serves on the executive committee of the Juvenile Engagement and Leadership Institute, a statewide

initiative for juvenile court judges.

In 2003, former Chief Justice Wally Carson appointed Judge Brownhill chair of the State Family Law Advisory Committee. When budget cuts eliminated all staff support in 2009, Brownhill and other committee members kept it going without staff for six years.

Since then, the state court administrator has restored staff, and the committee continues to identify family law issues that need to be addressed and to offer innovative approaches to family law in Oregon.

Brownhill was the Oregon Circuit Court Judges Association president from 2013 to 2014.

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