

Distinctive tattoo helps mark fugitive sex offender

Arrested while working under fake name

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ILWACO, Wash. — Luis Alberto Ruiz might be having second thoughts about getting the large, distinctive “R.I.P. Baby Burns” tattoo on his neck.

After allegedly living as a fugitive for nearly a year and moving to the area under an assumed name, the tattoo helped Long Beach Police officers confirm his identity when they arrested him at gunpoint in the office of ASAP Business Solutions in the Port of Ilwaco this month.

Ruiz, 35, a convicted sex offender, was placed on a federal “most wanted” list in February after he stopped complying with the terms of his community supervision. He came to the attention of local police about a month ago, when the U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force learned that he was working at Jessie’s Ilwaco Fish Co.

Allegedly using assumed name

Long Beach Police Chief Flint Wright said Ruiz was allegedly using an assumed name and identity documents that he purchased illegally in California.

Kendall Rivers, the human resources manager for Jessie’s, said that Ruiz was employed by ASAP, the neighboring labor agency that provides many of Jessie’s workers. She said staff at Jessie’s didn’t learn that he was a wanted criminal until his arrest.

As part of their hiring process, ASAP

routinely verifies the identity documents that workers list on their tax forms, Rivers said. The verification process might have revealed problems with Ruiz’s Social Security number or other identity documents, but because he was using someone else’s name, managers at Jessie’s and ASAP could not have known that he was a potentially dangerous fugitive.

When contacted by phone last week, a woman who identified herself as an office manager for ASAP confirmed that the company provides many of Jessie’s workers, but would not give any further comment.

“Nope. I’m not gonna talk about that at all,” the woman said, and hung up.

String of convictions

Ruiz was convicted of fourth-degree assault and harassment in 2008, fourth-degree assault in 2009, and third-degree rape of a child and possession of a dangerous weapon in 2012, according to an August story from news channel Fox13. Chinook Observer archives show he was booked into Pacific County Jail in December 2008, March 2009, June 2009 and December 2012.

He was released from state prison and began three years of court-ordered community supervision in August 2014, said Andrew Garber, a spokesperson for the Washington State Department of Corrections.

As part of the conditions for release from prison, Ruiz promised to regularly check in with his community corrections officer and be available for appointments



Luis Alberto Ruiz

as directed. As a level two-sex offender, he was also obligated to register with the Grays Harbor County Sheriff’s Office.

According to a Department of Corrections affidavit written last month, Ruiz was told to check in with the corrections office in Montesano in November 2014, but failed to report. When he failed to answer a corrections officer’s follow-up phone calls, the department

sought a warrant for his arrest.

Members of the task force placed Ruiz on a list of wanted fugitives in February.

Hiding out

In August, the task force believed Ruiz was hiding out in Grays Harbor County, and asked the public for tips. Then, sometime in August or September, investigators learned that Ruiz was working in Pacific County, and recommended that he be charged with escape.

Pacific County Jail employees told Wright that Ruiz was never a problem inmate when he was in custody in the past, but the three local officers who arrested him took extra precautions because of his status as a violent offender.

“The (task force) made this guy sound like he was armed and dangerous,” Wright said. “We didn’t take any chances. We took him down at gunpoint.”

Ruiz was arrested without incident, but one of the arresting officers said that first, he insisted they had “the wrong guy.” The officers pointed out that his large, distinctive neck tattoo was a dead giveaway.

Boring fish guide snagged for violations

The Daily Astorian

TILLAMOOK — Jereme Jones, of Boring, pleaded guilty last week in Tillamook County Court to one count of failing to register as a fishing guide/outfitter, a class A misdemeanor.

The pleading was the end of a second investigation by the Oregon State Police into the unlawful guiding practices of Jones, 33, who was previously investigated and criminally cited for guiding without a license in 2012.

In 2014, state police learned that Jones was again guiding fishing trips on the Columbia River. After checking with the Oregon State Marine Board, it was determined that Jones did not have a valid guide license.

Jones was taken into custody and lodged in Tillamook County Jail a year ago

by state police after a guide trip on Nehalem Bay. He was charged with guiding without a valid license and taking undersized crab.

After his most recent case, Jones was sentenced to a \$100 fine, five days in jail and 36 months of probation. His angling license and guide license were also suspended for three years.

The marine board registers outfitters and guides annually to certify they carry the minimum liability insurance required by law, have current first aid and CPR training and, if required, have a U.S. Coast Guard operator license or surety bond.

Wildlife violations, including those of the outfitter and guide laws, can be reported to the Oregon State Police Turn in Poacher (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888.

Law enforcement officials to discuss pot laws at forum

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Local law enforcement, the district attorney’s office, Oregon Liquor Control Commission and local prevention specialists will hold a forum about Oregon’s new marijuana laws from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Providence Seaside Hospital.

The presentation, free and open to all ages, will cover marijuana-infused products,

tips and tools for parents. Representatives will include Astoria Police Chief Brad Johnston, Clatsop County District Attorney Joshua Marquis, Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin, Warrenton Police Chief Matt Workman, Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn, Gearhart Police Chief Jeff Bowman and a representative from the Seaside Police Department.

Prosecutor to run for Circuit Court judge

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David Goldthorpe, a prosecutor in Clatsop County, has announced his candidacy to replace Circuit Court Judge Philip Nelson, who is retiring when his term ends next year.

Goldthorpe has worked for nearly six years with the Clatsop County District Attorney’s Office and previously worked as a law clerk for Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Jerry Hodson. He also spent a year as a corrections officer in Idaho.

Goldthorpe, who lives in Warrenton, serves as a part-time legal instructor at the state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training academy in Salem. He previously was an adjunct professor of criminal justice

at Clatsop Community College.

He has a bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young University and a law degree from Willamette University.

“As much as I love my work, being a prosecutor was never the ultimate goal for my career in public service,” he said in a statement. “From as far back as my teenage years, I remember looking up to and respecting the role of judge in our society: a person who devotes their life to helping resolve our disputes in a just and reasonable manner, a person who upholds the Constitution and the laws of the people, a person who shows mercy when necessary and a heavy hand when required, a person who can apply wisdom and sound decision making to every situation.”

Burglar comes out of the closet

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WARRENTON — Warrenton Police arrested John Perry, 28, of Seaside, on charges of second-degree burglary and resisting arrest after Perry was discovered in a closet Thursday afternoon in the First Baptist Church.

The pastor’s wife was at the church and called 911 around 1:30 p.m., saying she had heard something and thought there was a person in the church.

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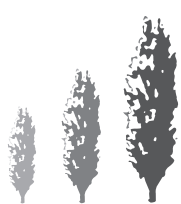
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