

Man sentenced for sexually exploiting 16-year-old girl

By KYLE SPURR
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A Warrenton man who sexually exploited a 16-year-old girl by compelling her to send him nude images of herself was sentenced Tuesday to more than one year in prison and five years probation.

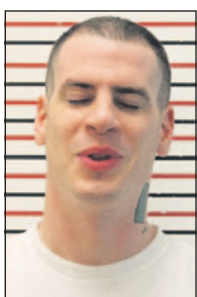
Kyle Meyer Bloom, 26, entered Alford pleas to luring a minor and attempting to use a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct. An Alford plea is a guilty plea from a defendant who proclaims their innocence, but admits

the prosecution has enough evidence to prove they are guilty.

Two counts of third-degree sex abuse were dismissed.

He was sentenced to 17 months in prison for the luring a minor charge. He will get credit for time already served in jail, which is about six months.

For the other charge, he was sentenced to five years



Kyle Meyer Bloom

probation. If he violates the probation, he will face another four years in prison.

“Obviously the defendant has some impulse control issues,” Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown said. “If he wants to do something about it, he will have the opportunity to do something about it or else he is going back for 48 more months.”

The charges against Bloom stem from a six-week

investigation by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office. Deputies arrested Bloom in May on the 500 block of West Main Street in Warrenton.

Bloom started contacting the girl at a local school bus stop, where he befriended her before using social media to start a secretive relationship, according to the sheriff’s office.

During a two-week long relationship this spring, Bloom allegedly met the girl in several public locations to engage in sexual activities.

At the hearing Tuesday, Bloom wanted the court to know how he did not have any communication with the victim for about two months after what had happened.

“Everything that occurred stopped. I deleted my Facebook, I deleted everything. I stopped all communication with the victim,” he said.

The relationship between Bloom and the girl was discovered by the girl’s parents and the parents of one of the girl’s friends, according to Sheriff’s Office Detective Ryan Humphrey.

The parents’ involvement and intervention was a key factor in the case, Humphrey said.

As part of his sentence, Bloom is required to register as a sex offender and have no contact with the victim or her family. He will also have to complete sex offender treatments and evaluations.

“I obviously have some work to do. I want to go back to college and get an education and do something with my life,” he said. “I made a mistake. I have to live up to it and move on.”

Astoria man arrested for shooting deer within city limits

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A 19-year-old Astoria man was arrested early Tuesday morning on multiple charges after allegedly shooting a deer within the city limits.

James Lee Ogier was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless endangerment and unlawful use of a firearm.

Astoria Police were dispatched to Sixth Street and Olney Avenue at about 3:46 a.m. for a report of a gunshot in the area. Officers found a Nissan truck with



James Lee Ogier

a dead buck in the bed of the truck.

Ogier approached the officers with blood on his hands and claimed he had struck the deer with his vehicle. However, police said, it was later determined that Ogier shot the deer, gutted it and loaded it into his vehicle. Officers noted that the backdrop for the gunshot was the nearby Bayshore Apartments, and that Ogier appeared to be intoxicated.

“Intoxicated driving and the use of a firearm inside the city limits are not only illegal, they are a recipe for tragedy. Fortunately, except for the deer, no one else

was harmed as a result of this incident, but the potential was great,” Astoria Deputy Police Chief Eric Halverson said.

Astoria Police were assisted at the scene by an Oregon State Police Game Trooper and the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office.

Additional charges are expected, police said, related to the illegal taking of the animal which was seized by Oregon State Police.

The animal will be donated to the local food bank.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to contact Officer Matt Clausen at the Astoria Police Department, 503-325-4411 or by email at mclausen@astoria.or.us.

Planning Commission backs Neighborhood Greenway

By DERRICK DePLEDGE

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Residents in Alderbrook were heard.

The Astoria Planning Commission voted unanimously Tuesday night on the Neighborhood Greenway portion of the city’s Riverfront Vision Plan, which would further restrict development along the Columbia River in Alderbrook.

Residents had told the city they wanted little to no land-use changes in their tight-knit east side community.

The recommendations, which now go to the City Council, would change the zoning along the river from aquatic conservation to aquatic natural, preventing development of a marina and many other commercial or industrial uses. New buildings could be no higher than the riverbank, essentially limiting projects to docks or boat ramps.

The recommendations would also create new design standards and guidelines for multifamily residential and commercial development, such as apartments or day care centers.

“The intent of all of these are to maintain the existing character, not to change the

character of Alderbrook,” said Rosemary Johnson, a special projects planner for the city.

Neighborhood Greenway, which runs from 41st Street to 54th Street, is the third phase of the Riverfront Vision Plan to upgrade land-use guidelines along the river. The city has already completed the Civic Greenway — 16th Street to 41st — and Bridge Vista — Portway Street to Second Street — sections of the blueprint.

City likely will hear Heritage Square options in December

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The Astoria City Council will likely weigh a mixed-use development project with a library and housing at Heritage Square in December.

City staff and a consultant had hoped to present options to the council in November, but Kevin Cronin, the city’s community development director, said staff would likely need more time to prepare.

Cronin told the city’s Planning Commission Tuesday night that staff would also likely give the council high-level cost estimates for the mixed-use project.

At an open house last week, residents gave the city feedback on three potential variations for a library and housing along 12th Street and Exchange Street, with open space along Duane Street. The city has previously discussed a possible amphitheater for the square, which is scarred by an open pit with contaminated soil.

The city wants to use a new library as the foundation for redevelopment at Heritage Square. A previous plan called for renovating the aging library at 10th Street and expanding into the vacant Waldorf Hotel, but preservationists objected.

Public input sought on county manager

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The public can offer opinions on what Clatsop County should look for in a new manager through a quick online survey.

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners selected the executive search firm Waldron to assist in recruiting a replacement for former County Manager Scott Somers.

As part of the information-gathering process, Waldron has developed a survey that asks respondents to list the important skills, experience and leadership qualities they feel are important for any county manager applicant. The survey is available on the Clatsop County website, www.co.clatsop.or.us.

Sheriff nabs woman on felony warrant for heroin

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Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin arrested a Seaside woman on a statewide felony warrant out of Clatsop County Circuit Court at 3:33 p.m. Thursday.

Bergin was driving southbound on U.S. Highway 101 when he noticed the car in front of him driving recklessly. Bergin pulled the car over

and found that the passenger, Cassandra A. Dempsey, 25, had originally been convicted on a heroin charge and was required to turn herself in to serve jail time for that conviction.

When she hadn’t shown up at the jail, a warrant was issued for her arrest. The driver, Brandon L. Carlson, 22, of Astoria, was charged with reckless driving. He was cited

and released at the jail. In addition to now having to serve her jail sentence, Dempsey was also charged with possession of a controlled substance after eight

Vicodin pills were found on her person. Dempsey does not appear to have a prescription for these pills, according to the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office.

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