

## Brown: Oregon will continue taking Syrian refugees

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States would accept 10,000 Syrian refugees in the next year

Only one Syrian refugee to date has settled in Oregon, according to the state Department of Human Services.

Republicans, including state Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, had pressed the Democratic governor for an answer. Brown sent a letter and a FAQ sheet to Post Tuesday outlining her position.

"I am glad that she shares my concern for the welfare of those being persecuted for their religious beliefs and that the United States and Oregon can be a safe place for them," Post said in a statement. "I also hope that she will regularly confer with federal authorities as well as other governors on the implementation of the screening process."

"My biggest concern is for the safety of Oregonians and it appears that this will be handled by the Department of Human Services. I hope that DHS will report to the Legislature and the people of Oregon on their vetting process as we move forward in this situation."

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SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown announced on Twitter Tuesday that Oregon will continue to accept refugees after a suspect in the Paris attacks was found to possess a Syrian passport.

The governor had declined to comment Monday on her position on accepting refugees from the war-torn Middle Eastern country, where ISIS has taken a foothold.

"Clearly, Oregon will continue to accept refugees," Brown tweeted. "They seek safe haven, and we will continue to open the doors of opportunity to them. The words of the Statue of Liberty apply in Oregon just as they do in every other state."

Brown's position contrasts with that of at least 27 governors, mostly Republicans, who say they want to block more Syrian refugees from entering their states, according to several media reports.

Governors have no authority to reject Syrian refugees but could seek to reduce state services provided to the newcomers. The federal government decides immigration policy. President Barack Obama recently announced that the United

## State audit reveals problems complying with record requests

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### Complicated requests took time

Agencies furnished records relatively quickly — in two weeks or less — for routine requests, defined as commonly requested information that is easy to find, according to the audit.

More complicated requests could take more than 265 days, result in high and inconsistent fees and lead to "the perception that agencies are using these tactics to block the release of public information," auditors wrote.

Agencies charge different fees for furnishing public records. Copies can range from 5 cents to 25 cents per page. Staff time can cost between \$15 and \$40 per hour.

The Department of Human Services, for instance, charged a requester \$742 to provide an entire file last year relating to the licensing of a nursing facility and took nearly four months to complete the request.

Agencies struggle with fulfilling broad requests for "any and all records" and requests for social media posts, text and instant messages or public records from a personal email account.

Few of the agencies have

policies on how those technologies may be used "in the context of public records and how to retain the data," auditors wrote.

### Exemptions are legally complex

Navigating the state's variety of exemptions to disclosure also slowed responses to requests. Agency staff may have to consult with legal counsel to determine whether exemptions apply, according to the audit.

Auditors said an ombudsman could help mediate disputes between agencies and the public over public-records requests. Washington state has an open government ombudsman, who is appointed by the attorney general.

The ombudsman assists the public in making requests and agencies in complying with the state public disclosure law.

Gov. Kate Brown requested the audit in legis-

lation she proposed during this year's legislative session. The legislation was a response to delays in the release of public records related to an influence-peddling scandal involving Kitzhaber and Hayes. Reporters waited months for the state to release documents concerning the overlap between Hayes' public-policy role and private consulting contracts.

The legislation required the Secretary of State's Office to audit agencies' handling of public-records requests.

During her State of the State address in April, Brown said the audit was necessary before lawmakers could consider "meaningful changes to improve our public records law."

Lawmakers are meeting in Salem this week to discuss possible bills for the next legislative session, but Democrats may wait until 2017 to propose any significant changes to Oregon's public records law.

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## Seaside man pleads not guilty to police chase

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The Seaside man who led police on a wild chase through a Cullaby Lake neighborhood in October pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a slew of felony and misdemeanor charges.

Donald Allen Sanders, 34, is accused of eluding police, crashing into a yard, breaking into a deputy sheriff's home and assaulting the deputy's wife before being arrested.

He is being charged with 15 counts. The charges include first-degree burglary, first- and second-degree assault, fourth-degree felony assault, attempt to elude, attempted unauthorized use of a vehicle, reckless driving, unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, recklessly endangering another person, first-degree criminal mischief and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Sanders appeared in Clatsop County Circuit Court via video link from Clatsop

County Jail Tuesday for the arraignment hearing. He was originally arraigned last month, but the case went back to the grand jury, where more charges were added.

The incident in October started when Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Paul Williams witnessed Sanders speeding past him in Seaside, heading northbound on U.S. Highway 101.

Sanders continued to the Cullaby Lake neighborhood. He drove through barricades and went over lawns and down walking paths. He caused more than \$1,000 in damage to county property, according to the indictment.

He then stopped and tried to steal a Clatsop County Parks Department pickup truck, but the keys were not inside the vehicle so he re-

turned to his 1995 Nissan Maxima.

Warrenton Police Chief Matt Workman responded to the Cullaby Lake area and found Sanders driving toward him.

Sanders lost control, crashed near the deputy sheriff's house and ran on foot. He broke into the house on the 33000 block of Cullaby Lake Lane and assaulted the deputy's wife by slamming her into the corner of a wall, the indictment states.

The deputy sheriff grabbed Sanders and Workman arrested him.

Charges against Sanders have aggravating factors since the deputy's wife was not provoking him, and he allegedly committed the assault in front of the woman's child.

A trial is scheduled to begin next week.



Donald Sanders

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### If You Bought a TV, Monitor, or Notebook Computer That Contained an LCD Flat Panel Screen, During the Years 2002 to 2006, You May be Entitled to Benefits from a Settlement.

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The Oregon Attorney General filed a lawsuit against certain manufacturers of liquid crystal display ("LCD") flat panels. The lawsuit alleges that LCD manufacturers illegally agreed upon the pricing of LCD-flat panels. The Attorney General filed this action in her law enforcement capacity and on behalf of the State of Oregon, Oregon natural persons, and all political subdivisions in Oregon and sought equitable relief, restitution, civil penalties and injunctive relief.

Oregon has settled with all defendants for a total of \$21,505,000 ("Settlement Fund"). The State of Oregon, political subdivisions and Oregon natural persons may be entitled to a portion of the Settlement Fund. "Political subdivisions" includes all Oregon counties, cities, municipalities, public universities, school districts, special districts, and all other local government entities. "Oregon natural persons" means a human, not a business.

#### Who Is Included?

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To opt-out, complete the opt-out registration online at [www.OregonScreenSettlement.com](http://www.OregonScreenSettlement.com) or send a written letter stating that you want to be excluded from the case: *State of Oregon, ex rel Ellen F. Rosenblum v. AU Optronics Corp. et al.*, case no.

CV 10-933 MO. The letter must include the case name, your name, address, telephone number, and signature. A letter on behalf of a political subdivision must include the entity's name, and the name, title, and signature of the person authorized to sign on behalf of the entity. The letter must be **postmarked on or before January 15, 2016**, and mailed to: Oregon LCD Settlement, c/o GCG, P.O. Box 10240, Dublin, Ohio 43017-5740.

**File a claim:** Only Oregon natural persons need to file a claim to obtain benefits in this settlement. Claims can be completed online or by mailing the claim form, available for download at [www.OregonScreenSettlement.com](http://www.OregonScreenSettlement.com), to the Settlement Administrator. A deadline for filing claims has not yet been established. The State of Oregon and political subdivisions that are owed money under the distribution plan will be contacted and sent payment without any further action on their part.

**Do nothing:** If you or the political subdivision you represent do nothing, you will continue to be represented by the Oregon Attorney General. You will be bound by the terms of this settlement, and will release Defendants and related entities from any claims you may have relating to the allegations in this lawsuit. Oregon natural persons that do not file a claim will not be entitled to any benefits in this matter and will be bound by the terms of the settlement.

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