

Surfsand catches a wave amid blustery weather

No one hurt as wave hits Surfsand Resort

By R.J. MARX
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A string of heavy storms and winds pounded the North Coast over the past several days, leading to high waves in Cannon Beach. One of those breached a concrete barrier and slammed through the ground floor of the Surfsand Resort Friday afternoon, Ryan Snyder, president of Martin Hospitality, said Sunday.

Eleven rooms were impacted. No one was hurt.

The wave was the "perfect culmination" of elements, Snyder said.

"It's happened before in the past," he said. "We've had water hit the sea wall. There was no wind at the time of the breach, and so there was no wave being knocked down by wind. It was the perfect culmination. We just got hammered."

Guests and staff were never in danger, Snyder said.

Staff was able to reassign guests to other accommodations. "They were very understanding," Snyder said.

Throughout the weekend,



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Damage from water and debris at a beachfront room at the Surfsand in Cannon Beach.

trucks worked to pump debris from the first floor, working through scattered downpours Saturday and Sunday.

"It's nature taking its course," Snyder said. "We have systems that are in place to help remediate this when it happens, but obviously we need to re-evaluate all of those, so that's kind of what we're doing. We're getting those rooms cleaned out right now and trying to assess what we're going to do going forward."

Meanwhile, high winds, partial power outages and road closures across the region, with



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Jax, a 7-year-old German Shepherd and chocolate Labrador mix, plays in flooding near the road along Highway 202.

a high wind alert throughout Saturday and Sunday. The worst damage in the area was south toward Tillamook County and Nehalem, which faced flooding

and road closures.

On Saturday afternoon, the state Department of Transportation reported the road surface on U.S. Highway 101 in Wheeler

had collapsed. Drivers were diverted to alternate routes.

Entrances to the Columbia River are only accessible to commercial traffic after the U.S.

Coast Guard placed restrictions in response to severe sea conditions, heavy rain, flooding and large amounts of debris in the water.

Peninsula churches to house homeless people this winter

Pacific County hopes to land \$220,000 grant for permanent shelter

By KATHERYN HOUGHTON
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LONG BEACH, Wash. — This winter, the peninsula's homeless population will have access to an overnight shelter for the first time and, come spring, the possibility of a move into long-term housing.

The Peninsula Poverty Response announced this month they are pairing with the Peninsula Church of the Nazarene and St Mary's Catholic Church to host people in Pacific County who otherwise would sleep outside.

The churches will host on a rotation and the shelter will be open five nights a week in January and February, said PPR's AmeriCorps member Nichole Lopez.

"Right now, we have the attitude that five nights a week is better than nothing and we're excited to offer that much," Lopez said. "That number could increase as we find more volunteers and hosts."

Shelter for those in need

The shelter, known as Overnight Winter Lodging, is a combined effort by PPR, the county and community members, said Katie Lindstrom, the county's deputy director of Public Health and Human Services.

Lindstrom, who is also a member of PPR, said the shelter is using December to try and secure volunteers. PPR aims to have at least two volunteers at the shelter throughout the night on four-hour shifts, meaning eight to 10 volunteers each night.

Lindstrom said the county is also trying to secure a state grant of \$220,000 a year to

provide permanent housing for people who are homeless. The grant, known as the Housing and Urban Development Bonus Fund, could support 18 people who live outside to move indoors.

"The idea is that we can build connections with the people we serve in the shelters this winter, and work to move them into homes in March," she said.

Good chances for grant

The top four counties that applied for the grant are expected to receive funding, and Pacific County ranked No. 1, Lindstrom said. The county is now waiting to see if the state receives the needed federal funding to support the program.

Lindstrom said if the county receives the grant, they will partner with local organizations, like Willapa Behavioral Health, to connect people with case managers after they are housed.

"It's hard to expect someone to get clean from addiction or whatever else if they're living outside," Lindstrom said. "We want to meet their most basic need and then connect them with other services."

Lopez said when PPR announced their goal to form the winter shelter, she was worried about the community's response.

"It's the first time the county is doing this, and I know it's a big commitment, but the peninsula has already shown so much support," she said.

Working together

Karen Humber, the co-pastor at the Peninsula Church of the Nazarene, said her church agreed to be one of the hosts for the shelter because they viewed it as an opportunity for the community to work for its neighbors.

"We hope to see a lot of people step forward," she said. "Nobody wants to sleep in the rain and now our county has the chance to help house whoever needs it for whatever reason."

Police find missing man with dementia after search

The Daily Astorian

Astoria Police found a 74-year-old man who suffers from dementia after he was missing for more than four hours Monday morning.

Willard Shinabery was found near the New Youngs Bay Bridge roundabout after being last seen leaving the Astoria Cleaners on West

Marine Drive around 6:30 a.m. on foot.

Clatsop County Search and Rescue and Astoria Community Emergency Response Team assisted in the search.

The U.S. Coast Guard also searched for the man, scanning the Astoria waterfront with an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter Monday morning.

Man sentenced to more than six years for Astoria home invasion

'The Collector' had a lengthy criminal history

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

Anthony Victor Lane, the convicted felon who orchestrated an armed home invasion at an Astoria residence in April, was sentenced to more than six years in prison.

Lane, 31, of St. Helens, pleaded no contest Friday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to three counts of second-degree robbery as part of a negotiated plea agreement. He also pleaded no contest to felon in possession of a firearm from a previous incident in March.

"I have the impression that you were the ringleader," Judge Paula Brownhill told Lane. "That you planned this whole thing. That you carried it out."

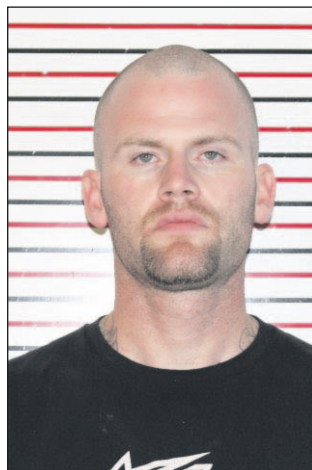
Brownhill sentenced Lane to 70 months for the robbery and another 12 months for the firearm possession. He will get credit for time already served in jail.

Lane and Joseph Vernon Armstrong, 31, of Tillamook, entered a residence on the 300 block of Alameda Avenue wearing masks and demanded money and cellphones. Armstrong was armed with a .40 caliber pistol and Lane had a baton he used to beat two men in the house.

The assaulted men had significant head and body injuries. Two women were pepper sprayed.

Armstrong was sentenced in September to 70 months in prison.

Lane and Armstrong fled the scene in an Oldsmobile Bravada, which a Seaside detective found unoccupied hours later at Arnie's Cafe in Warrenton.



Anthony Victor Lane

Call to Tillamook County Jail

Lane became 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 trouble and that he was hiding in a swamp," according to court documents. Lane went on to tell the inmate he "had gone to do a hit on a guy and that both his name and the inmate's name had been given out over the radio to police."

A Tillamook County detective overheard the phone call and informed the Astoria Police.

Oregon State Police found Lane about three weeks later in Seaside.

Astoria Police Deputy Chief Eric Halverson said his department collected multiple pieces of evidence connecting Lane to the crime, including DNA, cellphone records and statements from the co-defendants and witnesses.

"All of them expressed that they were afraid of Lane," Halverson said.

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Judge Paula Brownhill

Known as the 'The Collector'

Police were familiar with Lane from the firearm possession case in March. Lane was stopped by police in Seaside while driving with a woman in the passenger seat. The case was initially investigated as a kidnapping, but Lane was only charged for possessing a handgun.

The woman in the vehicle referred to Lane as "The Collector," a nickname that hints at Lane's alleged history of collecting drug debts for himself and others.

A victim in the home invasion case called 911 saying "Tony Yeaho" had just at-

tacked them. "Tony Yeaho" is another alias for Lane.

Lane has a lengthy criminal history that extends into Columbia County, where at one time he was arrested for a warrant out of Tennessee.

After the sentencing Friday, the prosecution and police expressed frustration.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown said he had pursued a longer sentence, but the case had too many unreliable witnesses and co-defendants. At least three of the co-defendants are at large right now on warrants, he said.

Had the case gone to trial, it would have been extremely difficult to get the witnesses and co-defendants in the same courtroom on the same day. And many had conflicting stories.

"We wanted to get something out of this case that was concrete," Brown said.

Others involved have been convicted

The four other people involved in the home invasion have all been convicted.

Two lookouts — Tasha H. Van Dolah and Kevin John Morse — and getaway car driver Amanda Maye Preston were each sentenced to three years probation.

Leticia Vivian Westfall, another lookout, pleaded no contest to hindering prosecution and was sentenced to 18 months probation.

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