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History of crime, short prison stays

Suspect Ferry spent no more than five years in prison

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Phillip Max Ferry was a habitual criminal who was in and out of trouble with the law since 1983. But prosecutors say he spent no more than five years in prison.

Many wonder why the 55-year-old transient was free on Friday night when he allegedly shot and killed Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding before being killed by

another Seaside officer. Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis said it is a legitimate question.

"There is no way you could look at his record and say he doesn't belong in prison," Marquis said.

Unfortunately, Marquis said, it is not unusual for felons such as Ferry to elude long prison sentences.

He pointed to multiple

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Flowers and notes from the community accumulate outside of the Seaside Police Department in honor of Sgt. Jason Goodding.

Ferry had stayed at halfway house but was asked to leave

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SEASIDE — The transient who allegedly killed a Seaside Police sergeant in a shootout Friday night struggled with anger and substance abuse and was described as "a complicated man with a lot of issues."

Phillip Max Ferry, who was killed after being shot by police, was on post-prison

supervision and had a history of assaulting police and resisting arrest.

A visit to the last three places in Seaside where Ferry allegedly lived before Friday's shooting included Restoration House, a nonprofit organization providing housing after prison.

Ferry lived at Restoration House 13 months ago, but has been a transient since then,

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PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM — RX: 4 PLAY

DOCTOR'S ORDERS



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People search for clams along the beach at Fort Stevens State Park on Tuesday. Starting this spring, local doctors can begin writing prescriptions for people that are good for free entrance into state and national parks and community recreation centers.

Prescriptions geared toward obese, diabetic and those in need of more activity

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

Starting this spring, local doctors will begin writing prescriptions for people that are good for free entrance into state and national parks and community recreation centers.

Plans for park prescriptions were kicked around last year at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

Superintendent Scott Tucker said the national park was ready to launch its own program, but realized the idea could become a regional effort. The national park is partnering with Astoria Parks and Recreation, Sunset

Empire Parks and Recreation District in Seaside, Clatsop County Public Health and the Way to Wellville.

The prescription program, known as Rx: 4 Play, will be available at Providence Seaside Hospital, Columbia Memorial Hospital

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Port again eyes plan at Tongue Point

Future of cargo shipping likely at former naval base

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

From Jim Knight's perspective, the future of any cargo shipping at the Port of Astoria is at North Tongue Point.

The Port's executive director shared his philosophy during a Tuesday goal-setting workshop in which Port commissioners and staff dug into a 2010 strategic plan, hoping to pull out the useful pieces, discard what has become irrelevant over the past five years and update the agency's strategic vision.

While log exports have proven a good fit on the central waterfront, Knight said central Astoria lacks the rail access and space for heavy cargo shipping, while the docks are not strong enough to support mobile harbor cranes hoisting cargo.

Developing North Tongue Point into a self-supporting marine industrial facility is one of the Port Commission's goals from 2010. The dilapidated yet stout former naval base east of Astoria includes about 30 acres of paved tarmac and five finger piers spread over 80 acres of submerged land. Making the property particularly appealing to shippers is access to a long-dormant rail spur on one side and a deep water channel of the Columbia River on the other.

The Port last seriously tried to buy the property from Missoula, Montana-based Washington Development Co. in 2008, but ended up signing a 10-year lease in

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Oregon LNG's final review pushed back

Federal government sought more info from company

By ERICK BENGEL
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Opponents and supporters of Oregon LNG's terminal and pipeline project proposed for Warrenton's Skipanon Peninsula will have to wait at least another few months for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to release the final environmental review of the \$6 billion project.

The commission originally planned to release the final environmental impact statement Friday but has pushed back the date to June 3.

In December, the commission's environmental staff requested additional information from Oregon LNG in response to comments on the draft statement, but the energy company didn't fully respond until late January.

"We have responses from them, but it remains to be seen if that satisfied FERC staff to the point they can move forward with the preparation of the (final) EIS," Tamara Young-Allen, a commission spokesperson, said. "If they feel they need additional information, they'll send another data request."

The commission will consider the final environmental impact statement when deciding whether to authorize the controversial project.



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The final environmental review on Oregon LNG's proposed terminal and pipeline project on the Skipanon Peninsula in Warrenton has been pushed back until June.

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