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Video documents fatal Seaside police shooting

Evidence confirms February shooting was justified

By **KYLE SPURR**
The Daily Astorian

Police body camera footage shows a brief, hectic confrontation on the February night Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding and suspect Phillip Max

Ferry were shot and killed. The video, taken from Seaside Police Officer David Davidson's perspective, was released Thursday by the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office as part of a completed investigation into the shooting. The full report

backs up the evidence District Attorney Josh Marquis used to determine the shooting death of Ferry was justified. In the 30-second video, Goodding and Davidson are seen yelling at Ferry, who was wanted on an arrest warrant, to get on the ground. Ferry tells them,

"You ain't going to like it." Davidson takes out his Taser and announces "Taser, Taser, Taser" before striking Ferry. The electricity hits Ferry, knocking him to the ground. The video turns away as Goodding moves to arrest Ferry, who fires one shot from a .380 semi-automatic pistol concealed in his coat pocket. The shot hit Goodding under this bulletproof vest.

Davidson yells, "shots fired, shots fired," and shoots several times at Ferry. "I thought he was going to keep shooting Goodding, Davidson said in an interview with an investigator. "I thought any second I was waiting for bullets to start heading my way also."

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It takes two to trawl for science



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Matthew Morris, a fisheries biologist with Ocean Associates Inc., drives a skiff around the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research vessel Siliqua on the Columbia River on Wednesday. More photos at www.dailyastorian.com

Sharing a net, boats count fish for better management

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
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WESTPORT — The Siliqua and Quinntat, two vessels from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, trawled 300 feet apart Wednesday just upriver from the Wauna Mill, the net between them slowly gathering juvenile, mostly hatchery, salmon headed down the main channel of the Columbia River toward the Pacific Ocean.

After 17 minutes of towing the net and collecting salmon, the whistles

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Biologist Bill Newcomb checks for marine traffic, while the computer on the right collects real-time fish-tag data aboard the research vessel Siliqua on Wednesday.

Water, sewer costs on the rise

Six percent increases in Astoria likely

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Water and sewer rates will likely climb again in Astoria.

Customers would pay an additional 6 percent for both sewer and water under the proposed city budget for the fiscal year that starts in July.

The rate increases, according to the city, would raise the average monthly residential bill for customers who use 7,500 gallons of water by about \$6.76.

Ken Cook, the city's public works director, told the city's budget committee Wednesday night that the rate increases are primarily needed to offset cost-of-living raises for public workers and higher costs for materials.

This fiscal year, sewer and water rates each increased by 2 percent and a surcharge for a sewer improvement project rose by 5 percent. Combined, those increases added about \$4.65 to the average monthly residential bill.

Robert Erickson, a retired college administrator, questioned the back-to-back rate hikes.

"That's a lot of money," he told the budget committee.

Astoria is in the midst of a \$48 million sewer improvement project that involves upgrades to reduce the amount of wastewater that flows into the Columbia River, enabling the city to meet federal Clean Water Act requirements in phases through 2028. A surcharge, which is applied to sewer and water rates, would remain at 91 percent in the budget.

Healthy buffer

Overall, the city's proposed budget is \$37.9 million, down slightly from \$41.3 million this year.

The city estimates that it will open the new fiscal year with a \$2.2 million carryover balance, or surplus, a healthy buffer.

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Youth Camp boss brings 'restorative justice' ideas

No plans on horizon to close youth camp

By **NATALIE ST. JOHN**
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NASELLE, Wash. — During his first week on the job in early April, Naselle Youth Camp Superintendent Pat Escamilla was walking across campus when he saw a group of young men playing flag football. On a whim, he joined the game for a few minutes.

After seven years as the top administrator in the Clark

County Juvenile Court system, Escamilla, 58, is ready to take a more personal approach to helping troubled kids.

"I just really want to reintegrate with people. I want to have an open-door policy. I want to be out on the campus, and I want to be a resource," Escamilla said.

Escamilla is the camp's first permanent superintendent since Darryl Poston left in 2012, according to Chris Wright of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services said. The department's Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration runs three juvenile detention facilities, including the Youth Camp, a medium-security

81-bed facility for older boys and young men. Since Poston's departure, there have been "acting superintendents", Wright said. The last one was Heoun (Greg) Do. The social services department started looking for a permanent superintendent nine months ago.

From California to Washington

A Southern California native, Escamilla earned his undergraduate degree at California State University at Fullerton, and later earned a master's degree in public administration from City University.

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Naselle Youth Camp Superintendent Pat Escamilla joined the staff in early April, after a long career in Clark County's juvenile justice program.

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