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Investigators work the scene of the fatal shootings in Seaside in February.

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“He flat said ‘You know if it came down to it, I’d rather be dead than end up in jail again,’” Viles said. “‘I’ll make ‘em kill me before I end up in jail.’”

Later on the day of the shooting, police reports show, Ferry met with another friend, Daniel Ginther, who claims Ferry showed him a small handgun he said he needed in

case of protection. The two men were walking in downtown Seaside when Goodding and Seaside Police Officer David Davidson attempted to arrest Ferry on a felony warrant.

Ferry started getting agitated and tried to figure out how to escape, Ginther said. After Davidson shocked Ferry with a Taser stun gun, Ginther believes it made Ferry flinch, and a .380 semi-auto-

matic pistol concealed in his coat pocket went off. The gunshot struck Goodding under his bulletproof vest.

Ginther does not think Ferry intended to shoot the officer, but rather was trying to get rid of the gun. “I saw the electricity hit him and that’s when it went off,” he said.

Davidson then fired several shots at Ferry, striking him in the hand, arm and buttocks.

After the incident, Ginther

approached Davidson and said it wasn’t the officer’s fault. “It was literally no one’s fault other than the ignorance ... the aggressive nature of the way it happened, the way it went down,” he said.

Chris Dugan, from Seaside Fire & Rescue, was the first responder on scene before Medix arrived and transported Goodding to Providence Seaside and Ferry to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria.

Dugan asked Ferry why he shot Goodding, and Ferry claimed he he did not shoot him.

‘Going to be a fight’

In an interview with an investigator, Davidson described Ferry as a “frequent flyer” due to his lengthy arrest record. “We have had a lot of contacts with him in the past,” Davidson said.

Ferry, 55, had an extensive

criminal history that included 17 felony and 21 misdemeanor convictions since 1983. He had been in and out of the Clatsop County Jail 41 times.

Ferry never complied when approached by Goodding and Davidson near the Pig ’N Pancake on Broadway.

“It was evident it was going to be a fight,” Davidson said.

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