

Molalla man sentenced for online sex abuse

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A 23-year-old Molalla man accused of sexually abusing a 13-year-old Clatsop County girl after soliciting her online has been sentenced.

Colby Allen Greer was sentenced Friday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to 60 days in jail and three years probation. If he violates probation, he will face four years in prison.

Greer pleaded guilty to attempted unlawful sexual penetration. Other charges of sex abuse, online sexual corruption, using a child in display of sexually explicit conduct and luring a minor were dropped as part of the plea deal.

He was arrested last fall in the parking lot of the Clackamas Town Center, following a two-week Clatsop County Sheriff's Office investigation.

Prior to his arrest, Greer had been communicating with deputies who were posing as the girl on a social media network. Greer thought he would be meeting the girl but was instead greeted by Clatsop and

Clackamas County sheriff's deputies.

"He showed up at the Clackamas Town Center and the next thing he knew he was in cuffs," Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown said.

Greer reportedly started contacting the victim after being randomly suggested to her as a friend on a social media site. He apparently nurtured the relationship using several forms of online communication, according to the Sheriff's Office.

During their month-long relationship, Greer met the victim in person on two occasions at public locations within Clatsop County.

The girl's parents discovered the messages from Greer on the girl's phone and called law enforcement. The Sheriff's Office encourages parents to monitor their children's use of social media and other online activities.

As part of his sentence, Greer is required to register as a sex offender.



Colby Allen Greer

Butchers want to go local with meats

Plans in motion for two shops downtown

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Two regionally sourced butcher shops are in the works for downtown Astoria.

A couple is hoping to open Gully's Butcher Shop in the former Astoria Health Foods in June, while two local chefs are planning Astoria Stock Co. and searching for a location.

Glenn Gully and his wife Diana have a real passion for butcher shops. The couple visits different butcher shops around the region, and Diana Gully has even thought of writing books about the shops.

"I just love the feel of it," she said. "You just go in there, and it's like old school, and everybody's like, 'Hi, how you doing?' You know you're going to get something great."

Her parents, Ken and DeLores Richards, own KD Properties and the building on Commercial Street next to the Liberty Theater that Astoria Health Foods vacated. To operate their shop, the Gulleys have brought in butcher Miles Peacock.



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From left, Glenn and Diana Gully are opening Gully's Butcher Shop, with butcher Miles Peacock as manager.

Originally from California, Peacock apprenticed at a butcher shop near his home and has worked at Marin Sun Farms, an all-inclusive farm, slaughterhouse, butcher shop and farm-to-table restaurant.

"It kind of gave me good experience for keeping things going on my own," he said.

Peacock said the shop will start with a variety of beef, pork and lamb cuts, along with sausages, deli meats, charcuterie, salumi and rotating specialty meats. Along with meat, the shop will offer local cheeses, eggs, breads, vegetables, sauces and condiments.

The shop will use distributors such as Carlton Farms and Painted Hills Beef.

"Ideally, that's just the beginning," Peacock said. "What we're really hoping to do is expand and get a lot



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Phil Spencer, left, and Jake Martin want to make Astoria Stock Co. a source of local meat and the knowledge on how to best utilize it.

more personal work with the local ranchers around here."

Astoria Stock Co.

Phil Spencer and Jake Martin, who have both been cooking in restaurants for more than 20 years, are planning to visit local farms as they plan Astoria Stock Co., a butcher shop they hope will become both a local source of meat and the knowledge on how to best use it.

Trying to find dinner for he and his daughter one day, Martin said, he lamented over the grass-fed beef from other countries being sold in supermarkets. "I don't want her

eating that, especially knowing what's available in this state," he said.

Spencer said he had been thinking of opening a butcher shop for a while. The pair, who both worked together in Seattle and most recently at Baked Alaska, decided to take lesser positions of responsibility and start spending time planning their butcher shop.

"If all the stars align and everything happens, it could be at least four months" before the shop opens, Spencer said.

Martin said Astoria Stock Co. will specialize in use of the entire animal, from steaks down to bones for bouillon, and dry aging techniques. "For those more obscure cuts, we can educate our customers on how to use those," he said.

The two imagine holding educational dinners based around a single farm, and selling meaty snacks from charcuterie, sausages and hams to terrines, pâté and comfit.

"We also want a small but thorough Oregon wine selection," Martin said, imagining customers picking up some wine and snacks before a trip to the beach.

Squirrel becomes Longview mascot

Associated Press

LONGVIEW, Wash. — Longview has decided to make the squirrel its official city mascot following a request for the designation from the organizers of the city's annual festival centered on the furry rodent.

The Daily News reported that the City Council

approved the designation Thursday.

The proposal to have the squirrel as the city mascot had been in the works since the summer Squirrel Fest began in 2011, led by a group known as the Sandbaggers. Sandbaggers President Pat Kubin estimated as many as 7,500 people attended the event last year.

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