

Warrenton man sentenced for luring a minor for sex

Sent sexually explicit photos to underage girl

By KYLE SPURR
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A 21-year-old Warrenton man was sentenced for sending sexually explicit photographs of himself to an underage girl with the intention of having sex.

Colby Ray Cochran pleaded guilty Tuesday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to luring a minor, a class C felony. Other charges of online sexual corruption and attempting to use a child in display of sexually explicit conduct

were dropped through a plea agreement.

Cochran was sentenced to 75 days in jail with credit for time served and four years probation. If he violates the probation, he will face between 16 and 18 months in prison.

In addition, Cochran must register as a sex offender and seek treatment, have no contact with minors or the victim and pay the victim a \$2,500 fine.

The luring occurred between June and November 2014, when Cochran was 19 and the girl was 13. Prosecu-

tors said they eventually met in person and he was putting pressure on the girl to date.

Cochran admitted to Judge Paula Brownhill that he knew his actions were illegal at the time.

"I furnished a minor a picture of my genitals along with a statement for the purpose of inducing her into sexual conduct," Cochran wrote in his plea petition.

Deputy District Attorney Dawn Buzzard said the victim is having a difficult time with some friends and family who mistakenly think she was

somehow responsible.

"She was no way responsible here. He was the adult," Buzzard said.

The girl's mother is the one who contacted Warrenton Police after checking her daughter's phone and discovering inappropriate messages from Cochran.

Warrenton Police arrested Cochran in April after an extensive investigation that included collecting information from various social media applications, reviewing text messages and following up with the victim. Police used new local Celebrite software that pulls data off cellphones and other mobile devices to investigate the case.



Colby Ray Cochran

Future of old Port offices in doubt

Social services group wants lease

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Community Action Team will have to wait while the Port of Astoria decides what to do with its old offices.

The Port Commission on Tuesday tabled discussion of a lease to the social services group for 1,600 square feet on the first floor of the agency's old offices at 422 Gateway Ave. The lease would pay \$1,525 a month and last five years with a similar renewal option, while the group would pay the remodeling costs.

Commissioner James Campbell said that for three years, the consensus on the Port Commission has been to remodel the old offices and leave the Pier 1 building. He had campaigned for the commission on divesting the Port from the building. The agency bought the building from former Port Commissioner Glenn Taggart in 2010 using a \$1.7 million loan to settle a lawsuit with Columbia Bank.

The bank had foreclosed on the building in 2008, and the Port had gone into default on its ground lease underneath.

Knight was taken aback by the idea of moving the Port's offices with representatives of Community Action Team sitting in the audience, expecting a new lease.

"This is new news to us," he said of the move to abandon the Pier 1 building, adding he has been tasked with renting out the Port's vacant spaces and increasing revenue.

The Port has long been advertising the vacant space in its old offices, he said, with advertisements of the space and "for rent" signs on the windows.

During public comment, former Port Commissioner Floyd Holcom said former Executive Director Jack Crider had convinced the Port Commission that the building was contaminated because of underground fuel leaks the agency is still trying to get cleaned up. Holcom said the plan was to move the offices to the Pier 1 building, establish a meeting space in a breezeway

there and tear the old offices down.

Community Action Team wanted to base homeowner and family health programs in the first floor of the Port's old offices. Knight said the group looked at all the Port's vacant spaces and found the offices ideal for its needs.

Beverly Danner, assistant executive director of Community Action Team, said the social service agency is getting close to having to move out of its current offices, which it shares with Clatsop Community Action in downtown Astoria.

"Could I have a timeline on how long this might go on?" she asked.

Knight said he will hold communications soon with the Port Commission on what it wants to do with the agency's offices.

Portland's bike-rental program finally pedals out

Associated Press

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One-thousand bikes will be available for a fee. The bikes are located at orange-colored racks located throughout much of the city.

The Nike-sponsored program that's being called Bike-town is taking off three years later than what city leaders originally envisioned.

The cost to ride will be \$2.50 for 30 minutes. When frequent trips are necessary, a \$12 pass allows for three hours of ride time throughout the day.

State tournament starts Thursday

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The Astoria Ford Fishermen open play Thursday against Lebanon, in first round action of the Oregon Junior Baseball state tournament.

Games will be played at two different sites, Western Oregon University in Monmouth and Crescent Valley High School.

Astoria Ford plays Lebanon at 5 p.m. at Western Oregon, with the winner advancing to face either Corvallis or Thurston Friday.

Thursday's full schedule:
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Summit vs. Milwaukie, Noon

Corvallis vs. Thurston, 2:30 p.m.

Astoria vs. Lebanon, 5 p.m.
At Crescent Valley HS

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