

# Smith: Sentencing is scheduled for next week in Circuit Court

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In the recording, Smith admits to drowning her 2-year-old daughter, Isabella Smith. "The intention was to drown her and end her misery," she said.

Smith, who could have faced the death penalty, will serve a minimum of 40 years in prison, according to the plea agreement. A sentencing hearing is scheduled in Circuit Court next week.

Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis said avoiding trial will spare Smith's family, especially her surviving daughter.

Alana Smith and Smith's ex-husband, Gregory Smith, are invited to speak at the sentencing hearing.

The morning after Smith murdered Isabella and wounded Alana, she abandoned the hotel room. House-keeping staff could hear Alana Smith slipping and falling, and called 911 to report a disoriented female.

Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn and Cannon Beach Assistant Fire Chief Frank Swedenborg were the first to respond. They saw the two girls laying on the bed. Isabella appeared lifeless and posed, and Alana had been bleeding profusely from cuts on her neck and wrists.

After a three-day search, a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter crew spotted Smith near her gold 2007 Chevy Suburban on a heavily forested logging road

about 15 miles east of Cannon Beach.

A Clatsop County Sheriff's Office detective and FBI special agent drove an SUV down forest roads to arrest Smith.

Alana Smith, now 15, told investigators her mother helped her cut her own throat and drowned her sister because they did not want to live with her father. Alana is now living with family in Washington state.

Jessica and Gregory Smith separated in April 2014. The girls' father sought a custody evaluation less than two weeks before the murder. Smith was supposed to return the children to her ex-husband the day they were discovered in the hotel room.

In the video interview taken at the Seaside Police Department the day she was arrested, Smith said she and Alana were terrified of her ex-husband. Instead of bringing the children back, Smith made specific plans to drug her daughters and used razor blades to cut Alana's throat and wrists.

Smith's defense lawyer William Falls and Lynne Morgan, who previously described her as having a mental breakdown, said Wednesday they were confident in her physical and mental health.

"We believe she is competent, and that she understands what she is doing at this point," Falls said.

Judge Matyas determined in June that Smith was mentally competent had the case go to trial.

# Specialty food company sets up production in Astoria

Main product is Voodoo Nuts

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

Astoria's about to get a lot more nutty.

Sedona Smokehouse Specialty Foods, which sells hickory-smoked nuts at markets and in more than 50 grocery stores in Oregon and Washington state, recently set up a production space at the former Paradoxx Bistro along Youngs Bay in Astoria.

The company's main product is Voodoo Nuts, its habanero garlic-flavored pistachios. Sedona also sells smoked salts and barbecue seasonings.

Robert Johnston, who founded the company two years ago and lives in Seaside, had been traveling to a cooperative commercial kitchen in Beaverton to smoke his nuts, but said the space became too crowded for him to keep up with orders.

He contacted Kevin Leahy, director of Clatsop Economic Development Resources, who put him in touch with Robert Stang, owner of the building that had housed the Paradoxx Bistro until April.

"This was a godsend," Johnston said, adding he can produce about 150 pounds of nuts a day in



Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian  
Robert Johnston, left, and Alex Trautt have started smoking nuts out of the former Paradoxx Bistro on Youngs Bay in Astoria.

Astoria, compared to about 50 at the kitchen in Beaverton. He leases and hopes to eventually buy the building.

Johnston sources the nuts from farms in California and hickory smokes them with whole cloves of garlic before a month of aging. The nuts are packaged in mylar bags and glass jars, boxed up and mostly sent to distributors.

Johnston said he started doing barbecue at 9 years old and selling his nuts at markets in 2009. He now operates the

business with his friend, Alex Trautt, who takes the nuts to distributors in the Seattle metro area and pitches the product to grocers.

In the midst of market season, Johnston said he is just trying to keep ahead of orders. "The event season ends in October, then we can

jump into opening our retail operation," he said.

Eventually, the company wants to add a couple of employees, sell the nuts out of the storefront of Paradoxx and open a restaurant. Johnston is also selling his nuts and seasonings at the Astoria Sunday Market.

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**KELLY EDWARD SMOTHERMAN**  
WARRENTON  
JUNE 26, 1963 - AUGUST 9, 2016

Kelly Edward Smotherman, 53, of Warrenton, Oregon, passed away on Aug. 9, 2016, in Valdez, Alaska, from complications resulting from refusing to listen to his doctor, having as much fun as humanly possible, raising hell for 50 years and a heart attack.

A celebration of life will be held on Aug. 20, 2016, at 1 p.m., at Warrenton High School, where Kelly was an exceptional student, graduated in 1981, played basketball and made lifelong friends.

Kelly was born in Astoria, Oregon, to Sally and Eddie Ray Smotherman, on June 26, 1963, and grew up in Warrenton. He married Danene Jones, with whom he had two beautiful daughters, Chelsea and Madison Smotherman. He mastered his trade of commercial fishing for over 30 years, with most recently being the owner and captain of The Fate Hunter out of Warrenton, Oregon.

Kelly is survived by his ex-wife, Danene Lethin; daughters Chelsea and Madison Smotherman; his mother, Sally Smotherman; and three brothers, Steve Hitchman and Russ and Scott Smotherman.

Above all, Kelly loved his family and cherished his friends. He loved to have a good time, and was always ready to have fun! Kelly will live on forever in the hearts and minds of everyone who was lucky enough to know him.

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