

Man linked to gun in Seaside Police killing pleads guilty

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PORTLAND — A felon whose pistol was used in the February slaying of a Seaside police sergeant will spend at least five years in prison after pleading guilty to federal charges Wednesday.

Jamie Lee Jones, 46, admitted to U.S. District Judge Michael Simon that he possessed about 20 grams of methamphetamine with intent to sell and had a firearm while selling heroin.

Other charges are being dropped in a plea agreement, including allegations he threatened witnesses to keep them from cooperating with investigators after Sgt. Jason Goodding was shot underneath his ballistic vest while trying to make an arrest in downtown Seaside.

Goodding's fellow officer returned fire, killing Phillip Ferry, a 55-year-old transient and drug user.

Investigators linked the gun to Jones by happenstance the morning after the Feb. 5 shooting. Police responded to Jones' house on a noise disturbance and noticed a single round of ammunition on the ground. It was the same brand used to kill Goodding.

"Eyewitnesses reported that on the night Sgt. Goodding was killed, Mr. Ferry took one of two firearms from Mr. Jones — who at the time was passed out — and headed to town," Assistant U.S. Attorney Gary Sussman said.

When he awoke, Jones noticed the pistol was gone along with some meth.



Jamie Lee Jones

"Mr. Jones became very angry," Sussman said. "There was an outburst in which he punched one of his drug customers in the face and fired a second firearm in the direction of several others."

Jones did not make a statement in court, other than answering questions from the judge.

Prosecutors and defense attorney Gerald Needham plan to jointly recommend a sentence of five years on the gun charge. The government will recommend an additional seven years on the drug charge. Needham will seek a lighter punishment.

Jones was born in Las Vegas and has an extensive criminal record in Nevada, including convictions for grand larceny auto, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a firearm by a felon, attempted possession of stolen property and escape.

OPB skips criminal justice forum DA Marquis called one-sided

Broadcaster regularly airs talks on radio

By DERRICK DEPLEDGE
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Oregon Public Broadcasting declined to air a City Club of Portland forum on mandatory minimum prison sentences that Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis had faulted as one-sided.

The Friday Forum discussion last week involved panelists critical of Measure 11, the voter-approved initiative in 1994 that set mandatory minimum prison sentences for serious crimes.

OPB, which usually airs Friday Forum on the radio, chose not to broadcast the discussion after determining the talk did not meet editorial standards.

"While the Friday Forum program included relevant and useful information about the effects of mandatory minimum sentences on Oregon's criminal justice system, in our view the panel lacked the range of viewpoints that would have provided a well-balanced discussion of the topic," Morgan Holm, the chief content officer at OPB, said in a statement.

The panel featured Lucy Flores, a former Nevada state lawmaker; Shannon Wight, deputy director of the Partnership for Safety and Justice; David Rogers, the executive



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District Attorney Josh Marquis criticized a Friday Forum panel discussion on mandatory prison sentences at the City Club of Portland as one-sided.

director of the ACLU of Oregon; and Bobbin Singh, the executive director of the Oregon Justice Resource Center.

In an email Wednesday, Holm said it is "extremely rare" for OPB not to air Friday Forum over content concerns. He said he had no contact with Marquis about the decision.

Marquis had sent an email to OPB and other Portland media before the forum, explaining that he and others at the Oregon District Attorneys Association tried to reach out to the City Club about balancing the panel but were unsuccessful. The Willamette Week reported on Marquis' concerns on Friday.

Marquis said, however, that he did not urge OPB not to air the forum.

"They have a really impressive history of being brokers of ideas," the district attorney said of the City Club. But he called the forum on mandatory minimum sentences one-sided.

"The Portland City Club is a private organization, if they want to have a pep rally to overturn Measure 11, that's their right," Marquis said Wednesday. "The only reason I got agitated about it was that they weren't being intellectually honest about it."

Chris Trejbal, the communications director at the City Club, said the online descrip-

tion of the forum was not clear enough and caused confusion. The City Club, though, did want to open the conversation with the impact of mandatory minimum sentences on communities of color and underserved communities. He said another forum with district attorneys and victims' advocacy groups is planned for early next year.

"Part of it, honestly, is City Club has in the last few years really been working hard to engage with communities of color in Portland," Trejbal said. "We feel that their voice isn't being very well heard in the conversations in the city and in the state, and so we really wanted to start this off from the perspective of, 'How is this impacting those communities?'"

"The communities that we don't hear from all the time."

David Menschel, an attorney and activist in Portland, said OPB regularly broadcasts material from the perspective of powerful public officials.

"They're happy to give those people a platform and let them speak openly without providing contrasting voices," he said. "But when people who are asking difficult questions about whether Oregon should, for instance, incarcerate more black people per capita than Louisiana, all of sudden 'balance' becomes this very sacred principle."

Coast Guard helps five on stranded fishing boat

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MOCLIPS, Wash. — The U.S. Coast Guard removed five fishermen from a commercial fishing vessel that ran aground near Grenville Bay, north of Moclips, Washington, Wednesday morning.

The crew of the Qu-

laysquallum, a 58-foot, steel-hulled tribal fishing vessel home-ported in Westport, Washington, contacted watchstanders at Sector Columbia River in Warrenton at 3:30 a.m.

The sector dispatched an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Air Station Astoria to the scene. The Qu-

laysquallum's crew deployed the vessel's anchor before being taken aboard by the helicopter crew and transferred to emergency medical services on the Quinault Indian Reservation.

No injuries or pollution was reported. The vessel had less than 3,000 gallons of diesel and 8,000 pounds of crab

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