

# Hammond man gets six years for sexual abuse

Miller was sentenced after pleading guilty

By JACK HEFFERNAN  
The Daily Astorian

A Hammond man was sentenced Wednesday to more than six years in prison for sexually abusing a teenage girl.

Gregory Miller, 63, pleaded guilty in June to three counts of first-degree sex abuse. He will serve the mandatory minimum 75 months in prison concurrently for each count.

Miller was originally indicted in February on 16 counts of first-degree sex abuse along with individual counts of luring a minor, attempting to use a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct, private indecency and first-degree online sexual corruption.

He allegedly touched the girl inappropriately multiple times from January to October of last year and also tex-



Gregory Miller

ted her an intimate photo of himself. Miller allegedly kept more than 300 explicit pictures of the victim as well.

Though all the charges stemmed from alleged incidents in 2016, the girl said at the sentencing hearing Wednesday that she had lived in daily fear of Miller since 2011. After reaching a deal with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office in June, he pleaded guilty to three incidents that took place in April, May and June.

Before her daughter spoke, the victim's mother presented a statement directed to Miller.

"I think you're truly in

denial, or at least I hope you are," the mother said. "I can't imagine why you would keep doing what you did, knowing it was sick and wrong. Our family is destroyed. You're lucky for the sentence you received compared to what you could have gotten."

She said she also hopes Miller, who allegedly drank an average of 15 beers a day before his arrest, seeks treatment for alcohol abuse while in prison. While saying she was sickened by the photos and other facts about the case, the mother still forgave Miller. "I'm sorry that you've

given in to this fantasy," she said. "I'm not out to ruin you."

The teenage girl said she doesn't know if or when she will be able to forgive Miller, but she has developed a stronger relationship with her mother that has made her life happier and less stressful the past few months.

"You are sick," the girl said to Miller. "I will always be scared around you. It will take me a long time to ever trust a man."

Deputy District Attorney Dawn Buzzard said that, with the help of her mother, the girl is turning her life around.

Miller, a retired member of the U.S. Coast Guard, said he was "terribly, terribly sorry" for what he had done.

"I have been praying a lot," he said. "I hope they can find it in their hearts some day to forgive me."

Circuit Court Judge Cindee Matyas said she hoped Miller would take full advantage of treatment options during and after his prison sentence as part of his restitution to the victim and her mother.

"Their suffering, their transitions won't have to be in vain," Matyas said. "You started this, so you have to make it right."

## Astoria man identified in fatal crash

The Daily Astorian

The pedestrian hit and killed by a car in Seaside early Tuesday morning has been identified as an Astoria man.

Jimmy Lee Mehrer, 32, was struck on U.S. Highway 101 just after 3 a.m. near Air-

port Road by a man driving a 1998 Ford Explorer. Friends of Mehrer at the scene said he was intoxicated and lying down in the road prior to the crash, according to Oregon State Police.

The Explorer was headed south on the highway when

the driver noticed Mehrer in the road. Skid marks on the road indicate he tried to stop before hitting the man, according to Oregon State Police.

Both lanes were closed until around 7 a.m., and the road was reopened to all traffic at around 10 a.m.

## Two-vehicle accident stalls traffic on US Highway 26

Vehicle pulling trailer appears to lose control

By BRENNA VISSER  
The Daily Astorian

A Ford Excursion pulling a trailer collided with a silver Lexus about 10:30 a.m. Wednesday on U.S. Highway 26 near Elsie, closing both lanes to traffic for about an hour.

Both vehicles suffered major damages, but no injuries were reported, Oregon State Trooper Andrew Morgan said. The Redmond driver of the Ford Excursion appeared to lose control of the trailer going eastbound, Morgan said. When the driver attempted to slow down, the Excursion and trailer slid and hit a ditch on the right side of the road before overturning across the highway, hitting the Lexus



Brenna Visser/The Daily Astorian

Sue Hone watches as her car is towed after a collision with another vehicle and trailer on Highway 26 Wednesday morning.

driving in the westbound lane. Sue Hone, who is from England, was driving the Lexus and said she saw the trailer fishtailing before she was hit.

"It could have been an awful lot worse," Hone said. Morgan said the cause of

the crash is still under investigation but that there was no evidence to support anything criminal.

As of 11:30 a.m., the Elsie-Vinemapple Fire Protection District helped get both vehicles towed to reopen the highway.

## Astoria Animal Aid fined over incinerator

The Daily Astorian

The state Department of Environmental Quality issued an \$825 civil penalty to Astoria Animal Aid for continuing to operate an incinerator after failing to renew an expired basic air containment discharge permit.

The business, at 35109 U.S. Highway 101 Business, was also fined for failing to

require the incinerator always be operated under the direction of someone with the proper training.

"The state issued a penalty because the particulate matter from incinerators is a pollutant that can contribute to respiratory distress for some members of the public and create a nuisance," the Department of Environmental Quality said in

a release. "The basic air permit contains conditions to help ensure particulate emissions and odors do not become an environmental or public health concern."

The state said Astoria Animal Aid has made efforts to gain a new permit and implement new training, which was considered when determining the amount of the penalty.

## OBITUARIES

### Roy Terrance Wheatley Sr.

Warrenton

Feb. 18, 1929 — July 1, 2017



Roy Terrance Wheatley Sr. was the oldest of seven children born to Lee Roy Wheatley and Sarah Harshberger in Caldwell, Idaho, on Feb. 18, 1929.

He attended school in Warrenton, Oregon. After completing school, he joined the U.S. Army during World War II and was sent to Tokyo, Japan, and served as a security guard transporting Gen. Hideki Tojo in the war crimes trials.

After his military tour, he returned to Warrenton, married and started his family. He worked in Clatsop County at Crown Zellerbach as a logger and mechanic for many years, but also worked building roads, as a commercial fisherman and crabber, saw miller, ran the Shell gas station in Warrenton and served as the first emergency medical technician in Clatsop County.

Roy was involved in many volunteer activities. He was a Boy Scout leader and facilitated the construction of the Spruce Run Campground. He was an active member of Habitat for Humanity, Warrenton Senior Meals on Wheels board member, Relay for Life and several church affiliations.

He was always busy gathering and transporting food donations and discretely helpful to

people in need.

His love of hunting and fishing at Halfway, Oregon, started in 1967 in Hells Canyon, sleeping in a tent or a car. He returned almost every year after that.

But what he loved doing most was the 20 years he served on the Warrenton Fire Department and in the latter years as assistant fire chief.

He is survived by his bride, Bobbi Kron-Wheatley, and his children, Joy Mazeikas, Jan Osterby (Larry), Roy T. Wheatley Jr. and Jody Wickett; stepchildren Sherri, Jerry, Debbie, Darcell, Lisa, Cathy, Phil, David, Randy, Mark and Patti; grandchildren Tara, Alissa, Tracy, Michael, Joshua, Lucas, Amanda, Lana and great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary at 11 a.m. Saturday July 8, 2017. Followed by a Warrenton Police and Fire Department escort to Ocean View Cemetery for graveside services.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Department, 225 S. Main Ave., Warrenton, OR 97146.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at [CaldwellsMortuary.com](http://CaldwellsMortuary.com)



Roy Terrance Wheatley Sr.

## Legislature passes bill requiring coverage of abortion at no cost

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon will soon require insurers to cover specific health services, including abortions, at no out-of-pocket cost to patients.

House Bill 3391, approved by the state Senate Wednesday, now heads to Gov. Kate Brown's desk.

The legislation would prohibit plans from imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirements on specific services, such as preventive reproductive health care, contraception and postnatal services.

The House passed the bill

after hours of debate Saturday, repeated briefly in the Senate Wednesday.

One point of contention: A provision that would have the state separately provide abortion coverage for women who have health insurance through religious employers exempted from covering the service in their health benefit plans.

Under the bill, the Oregon Health Authority will develop a program with the Department of Consumer and Business Services to cover abor-

tion services for employees with those plans.

The bill sets aside about \$10 million in the next two years for the Oregon Health Authority to administer the provisions of the bill. The bill also would guarantee coverage of the specified services for Oregon residents regardless of immigration status or gender identity.

Senate Democrats said in a statement that the bill would expand access to contraception for over 18,000 Oregonians.

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# TV LISTINGS

Evening listings  
THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING													JULY 6	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News (N)	World News (N)	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Boy Band "Sweet Sixteen" (N)	Battle of the Network Stars (N)	The Gong Show (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel				
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Boy Band "Sweet Sixteen" (N)	Battle of the Network Stars (N)	The Gong Show (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel				
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	Evening News (N)	Extra	Hollywood Game Night (N)	The Wall "Delvar and Bonnie" (N)	The Night Shift "Do No Harm" (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show				
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory "Life in Pieces"	Big Brother (N)	Zoo "Diaspora" (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert				
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory "Life in Pieces"	Big Brother (N)	Zoo "Diaspora" (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert				
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)	Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Inside Edition	Hollywood Game Night (N)	The Wall "Delvar and Bonnie" (N)	The Night Shift "Do No Harm" (N)	KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show				
8	KRCW	(3) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Comedy Gala A comedic special hosted by Howie Mandel.	News at 10 (N)	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother				
9	KOPB	(10) Born to Expl (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide (N)	The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "Deception on His Mind" (35) Antiques Rd.	Vintage Austin	Hollywood Idols					
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	Beat Shazam "Episode Four"	9 O'Clock News (N)	Love Connection "Put an Earring on It"	10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	2 Broke Girls				
11	KPDJ	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad!	Cleveland Show				
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Four"	Love Connection "Put an Earring on It"	Q13 News at 10 (N)	Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons				
13	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Love Connection "Put an Earring on It"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan				
14	KZJZ	(22) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WNBA Basketball	New York Liberty at Seattle Storm (L)	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half				
15	ESPN	(29) Track & Field (L)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)				
16	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) WNBA Basketball	L.A./Min. (L)	Baseball College Home Run Derby	Baseball College Home Run Derby	SportsNation	Mike & Mike: ICYMI (N)	E:60	A.S.A. Softball					
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	+ Yogi Bear (2010, Adventure) Dan Aykroyd,	Full House	Nashville "Ghost in this House"	Friends	Friends				
18	DISN	(32) Jessie	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover "Tightrope of Doom"	Full House	Nashville "Ghost in this House"	Friends	Friends				
19	FAM	(34) (5:15) ++ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (10)	Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart.	(20) ++ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (2011, Drama) Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Kristen Stewart.	(20) ++ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (2011, Drama) Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Kristen Stewart.	Full House	Nashville "Ghost in this House"	Friends	Friends	Friends				
20	FMC	(35) (5:35) Dracula Untold (14, Fantasy) Sarah Gadon, Luke Evans.	[Dracula Untold (2014, Fantasy) Sarah Gadon, Luke Evans.	(20) FXM Presents [Noah (2014, Drama) Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson, Russell Crowe.	(20) FXM Presents [Noah (2014, Drama) Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson, Russell Crowe.	Full House	Nashville "Ghost in this House"	Friends	Friends	Friends				
21	ROO	(36) Grey's "I Will Follow You Into the Dark"	Married (N) (05) Married	Married (N) (05) Married	Married at First Sight "Support" (N)	Married at First Sight "Support" (N)	Married at First Sight "Support" (N)	Married at First Sight "Support" (N)	Married at First Sight "Support" (N)	Married at First Sight "Support" (N)				
22	LIFE	(38) Post-game	Mariners Pre-game	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)	Post-game	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners	Post-game	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners	Post-game				
23	FS1	(39) (4:30) Racing	Post Race Show	UF Weigh-In Johnson vs. Gaethje	MLB Whiparound (L)	MLB Whiparound (L)	MLB Whiparound (L)	MLB Whiparound (L)	MLB Whiparound (L)	MLB Whiparound (L)				
24	SPICE	(43) (4:30) I, Robot (2004, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.	+++ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	+++ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	+++ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	+++ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	+++ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	+++ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	+++ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	+++ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.				
25	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0				
26	HIST	(45) Mountain Men "Edge of Winter"	Mountain Men "Breakage"	Mountain Men "Breakage"	Mountain Men: Fully Loaded (N)	Mountain Men: Fully Loaded (N)	Mountain Men (N)	Mountain Men (N)	Mountain Men (N)	Mountain Men (N)				
27	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Heartless"	First 48 "Game Over/ Long Walk Home"	First 48 "Game Over/ Long Walk Home"	The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"	The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"	The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"	The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"	The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"	The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"				
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Susan's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Nikki's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Nikki's Story"	My 600-lb Life "James K's Story"	My 600-lb Life "James K's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Susan's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Susan's Story"				
29	DISC	(48) Naked Afraid	"Africanized Bees"	Naked Afraid Bugged "Bloodthirsty"	Naked Afraid Bugged "Botfly Bite"	Naked Afraid Bugged "Botfly Bite"	To Be Announced	Naked "Curse of the Swamp: Part One"	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid				
30	NGEO	(49) Italy's Mystery Mummies	Italy's Wild Alps	Italy's Wild Alps	Life Below Zero "Midnight Sun"	Life Below Zero "Midnight Sun"	Life Below Zero "Higher Ground"	Life Below Zero "Seasons of Change" (N)	Life Below Zero "The Hailstones"	Life Below Zero "The Hailstones"				
31	TNT	(50) Bones "The Fact in the Fiction"	Bones "The Survivor in the Soap"	+++ Walking Tall '04 Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.	+++ The Expendables 3 (2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.	+++ The Expendables 3 (2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.	+++ The Expendables 3 (2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.	+++ The Expendables 3 (2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.	+++ The Expendables 3 (2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.	+++ The Expendables 3 (2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.				
32	AMC	(51) (5:30) +++ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	+++ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	+++ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	+++ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	+++ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	+++ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	+++ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	+++ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	+++ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.				
33	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Web"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Influence"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Influence"	Law & Order: SVU "American Disgrace"	Law & Order: SVU "American Disgrace"	Law & Order: SVU "Transgender Bridge"	Law & Order: SVU "Transgender Bridge"	Law & Order: SVU "Transgender Bridge"	Law & Order: SVU "Transgender Bridge"				
34	FOOD	(53) Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped				
35	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It "Laundry Overload"	Love It or List It	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop				
36	FX	(56) (5:00) +++ Kingsman: The Secret Service (14) Colin Firth, Taron Egerton.	+++ Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.	+++ Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.	+++ Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.	+++ Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.	+++ Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.	+++ Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.	+++ Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.	+++ Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.				
37	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360				
38	FNC	(58) The Five	Hannity	Tucker Carlson Tonight	The Five	Hannity	Tucker Carlson Tonight	The Five	Hannity	Tucker Carlson Tonight				
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Jay Leno's Garage "Losing Control"	Jay Leno's Garage "Larger Than Life"	Jay Leno's Garage "Larger Than Life"	Jay Leno's Garage "Made in America"	Jay Leno's Garage "Made in America"	Jay Leno's Garage "Made in America"	Jay Leno's Garage "Made in America"				
40	BRVA	(63) Million Dollar List "Hashtag, You're It"	Million Dollar "Under the Influencers"	Million Dollar List "Ice, Ice, Ryan"	Million Dollar List "Co-List or No-List" (N)	Million Dollar List "Co-List or No-List" (N)	Million Dollar List "Co-List or No-List" (N)	Million Dollar List "Co-List or No-List" (N)	Million Dollar List "Co-List or No-List" (N)	Million Dollar List "Co-List or No-List" (N)				
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) +++ The White Sister ('33) Clark Gable, Helen Hayes.	[The Winning of Barbara Worth ('26) Ronald Colman.	(15) +++ Bulldog Drummond ('29) Joan Bennett, Montagu Love, Ronald Colman.	(15) +++ Bulldog Drummond ('29) Joan Bennett, Montagu Love, Ronald Colman.	(15) +++ Bulldog Drummond ('29) Joan Bennett, Montagu Love, Ronald Colman.	(15) +++ Bulldog Drummond ('29) Joan Bennett, Montagu Love, Ronald Colman.	(15) +++ Bulldog Drummond ('29) Joan Bennett, Montagu Love, Ronald Colman.	(15) +++ Bulldog Drummond ('29) Joan Bennett, Montagu Love, Ronald Colman.	(15) +++ Bulldog Drummond ('29) Joan Bennett, Montagu Love, Ronald Colman.				
42	SYFY	(65) (4:30) xXx (2002, Action) Vin Diesel.	Drive Angry (2011, Action) Amber Heard, William Fichtner, Nicolas Cage.	+++ Salt (2										