

State fines Old Youngs Bay Bridge contractor over safety after fall

Bridge worker lost balance and fell in June

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The state Occupational Safety and Health Division has fined contractor Purcell Painting & Coatings \$1,520 over a worker who fell off the Old Youngs Bay Bridge in June.

Merle Hicks, 55, suffered back and sternum injuries, broken ribs and a brain contusion after falling about 13 feet to a floor below. An accident synopsis found that Hicks was moving from a ladder used to access the lower deck of the mobile scaffold when his foot



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian
Purcell Painting & Coatings employee Merle Hicks suffered serious injuries after falling off a mobile scaffolding system while working on the Old Youngs Bay Bridge.

work helicopter to Oregon Health & Science University.

Investigators found the workers were not protected from or properly trained for fall hazards while working on the upper deck of the mobile scaffolding, which was also found to be unlevel. They came to the construction site between June and November to interview employees, including Senior Foreman Bill Lawrence.

"When Bill was asked why the employee(s) working from the top deck were not tied off Bill stated that he just missed it," the state report said. "After the accident Bill made it mandatory for all employees working from the mobile scaffolding to use fall protection and be tied off."

slipped and he lost his balance.

Emergency personnel stabilized Hicks and used ropes to lower him to a barge on

Youngs Bay. He was taken to shore on the barge, by ambulance to Astoria Regional Airport and by Life Flight Net-

Inslee to decide town's oil fate

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Whether Vancouver becomes an oil town is up to Washington Gov. Jay Inslee.

The Columbian reported the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council finalized its recommendation Tuesday to deny permits for the proposed Vancouver Energy oil terminal and voted to send its report to the governor.

The decision solidified the council's Nov. 28 vote to recommend to Inslee that he should deny the project.

Inslee has 60 days as of Tuesday to make his decision.

The report the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council forwarded to Inslee is more than 100

pages long and accompanied by a 430-page supporting document that recaps the findings of fact.

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Astoria man pleads not guilty to sex abuse

By JACK HEFFERNAN
The Daily Astorian

An Astoria man accused of inappropriately touching a dancer at Annie's Saloon pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a sex abuse charge.

Matthew Wayne Stineman, 30, has been charged with second-degree sexual abuse and harassment. The alleged incident occurred during a lap dance on Nov. 20. He was arrested later in the evening at another bar.

Stineman has also been convicted three times in Clatsop County for driving under the influence of intoxicants. The first conviction was dismissed after he completed a diversion program.

"The new crime involved intoxication as well," Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown said in court Wednesday.

Stineman was released soon after his arrest due to jail overcrowding but has been wearing an ankle bracelet. An early resolution conference has been scheduled for February.

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THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING										DECEMBER 21			
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 at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	A Charlie Brown Christmas	Baking Show "French Week" (N)	Baking Show "French Week" (N)	Baking Show "The Finals" (SF) (N)	KATU News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	A Charlie Brown Christmas	Baking Show "French Week" (N)	Baking Show "French Week" (N)	Baking Show "The Finals" (SF) (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel		
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Great News (N)	Great News (N)	Saturday Night Live Christmas	Hilarious holiday-themed sketches are revisited.	KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Miracle" (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:5) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Miracle" (N)	KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)	Live at 7 (N)	Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Great News (N)	Great News (N)	Saturday Night Live Christmas	Hilarious holiday-themed sketches are revisited.	News at 10 (N)	KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "War of the Worlds"	Arrow "Promises Kept"	News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) Mickela Mallozi	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(4:5) Midsomer Murders "Shot at Dawn"	(3:5) Masterpiece Mystery!	Mystery! "Breathless" 2/3		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "The Fear Reaper"	The Orville "Pria"	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game		
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "The Fear Reaper"	The Orville "Pria"	Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan			
22	KZJQ	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NCAA Football	Gasparilla Bowl Site: Tropicana Field -- St. Petersburg, Fla. (L)					SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports. (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball	Connecticut at Arizona (L)			NCAA Basketball	Kansas vs. Stanford (L)			Jalen & Jacoby (N)	The Fantasy Show	E:60	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	*** The LEGO Movie (14)	Voices of Will Ferrell, Elizabeth Banks, Chris Pratt.	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) (5:55) Jessie 7:(20) Home Alone: The Holiday Heist (12)	Christian Martyn.			*** Arthur Christmas (11)	Jim Broadbent, James McAvoy. (40) Toy Story	(10) K.C. Underc.	(35) Liv Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home		
34	FAM	(34) Movie	(40) *** Elf (2003, Comedy) James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell.			(50) *** The Polar Express (2004, Animated) Voices of Leslie	Zemeckis, Eddie Deezen, Tom Hanks. (55) Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town			(55) Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town			
35	FMC	(35) (5:50) Mr. Peabody & Sherman (14)	Ty Burrell. (35) FXM Presents			*** Epic (13, Act) Voices of Josh Hutcherson, Colin Farrell. (35) FXM Presents	*** In Time (2011, Action) Amanda Seyfried, Cillian Murphy, Justin Timberlake.			(35) Liv Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "Much Too Much"	Grey's A. "Owner of a Lonely Heart"			Four Christmases and a Wedding (2017)	Markie Post, Corey Sevier, Arielle Kebbel.	A Perfect Christmas List (2014, Family)	Marion Ross, Aaron Hill, Ellen Hollman.				
38	ROOT	(38) Ship Shape TV	Focused	In the Spotlight	In Depth (N)	Fantasy Football Hour (N)	Press Pass (N)	Press Pass	Champions Tennis Champions Showdown	PowerShares Series			
39	F51	(39) NCAA Basketball	Miami (OH) at DePaul (L)			Speak for Yourself	TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	NASCAR Race Hub				
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** Saving Private Ryan (1998, War)	Matt Damon, Edward Burns, Tom Hanks.				
44	COM	(44) (1:15) Futurama	(50) Futurama "A Tale of Two Santas"	(25) Futurama		Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	The Daily Show "The Yearly Show"	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition	
45	HIST	(45) Amer. Pickers "Enter the Negotiator"	American Pickers "Hot Rod Hero"			Amer. Pickers "Picked a Peck of Pepper"	American Pickers "Mikey Likes It" (N)	(05) American Pickers "Catch-32"	(05) Amer. Pickers "Full Speedo Ahead"				
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Ringside Seat"	The First 48 "House of Cards"			The First 48 "50G Murder" (N)	The First 48 "Trap House" (N)	Menendez M "Trials and Reversals" (N)	(05) The First 48 "Deadly Rap"				
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes to the Dress		90 Day Fiancé "Second Thoughts" Andrei	confronts Elizabeth's sister. (N)	Unexpected "What's in a Name"	90 Day Fiancé "Second Thoughts"				
48	DISC	(48) Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier			Alaska/Frontier "Christmas Special" (N)	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Alaska/Frontier "Bracing for Change"				
49	NGEO	(49) Hotels "Giraffe Manor, Kenya" (N)	South Africa "Land of the Giants"			Running Wild "Sterling K. Brown"	Running Wild "Tamron Hall"	Running Wild "Julianne Hough"	Running Wild "Always Dream of Me"				
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at New York Knicks (L)	NBA Basketball	San Antonio Spurs at Utah Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L)			Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball	Boston vs New York		
61	AMC	(61) (5:30) *** A Christmas Carol (84)	Nigel Davenport, Frank Finlay, George C. Scott.	*** Miracle on 34th Street (47)	Natalie Wood, John Payne, Maureen O'Hara.	*** White Christmas (54)	Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, Bing Crosby.	Damnation "In Wyoming Fashion" (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Persona"				
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Altemate"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Avatar"			Law & Order: S.V.U. "Trophy"	Law & Order: SVU "Granting Immunity"	Beat Bobby Play (N)	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play		
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Chopped "Ready for Redemption"		Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Weird Twist"	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip-Ft. Worth (N)	Flip or Flop Vegas				
55	FX	(55) (5:30) ** The Other Woman (14)	Nikola Coster-Waldau, Cameron Diaz.	*** Trainwreck (2015, Comedy) Bill Hader, Colin Hanks, Amy Schumer.									
57	CNN	(57) CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Special Report		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Hannity		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit "Mr. Cory's Cookies"		The Profit "Detroit Denim"		Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Million Listing "Two Tops Never Work"	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles			Inside Actors Studio "Kristen Wiig" (N)	Mill. Listing "Who's Your Daddy?" (N)	Top Chef "Keep on Truckin'" (N)	(15) WatchWhat (45) Million Listing				
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Swing Time (35)	Fred Astaire.	*** 42nd Street (33, Musical) Ruby Keeler, Dick Powell. (45) *** Yankee	Doodle Dandy (1942, Musical) Joan Leslie, Walter Huston, James Cagney.			Ghost Wars "The Feast" (N)	Super "You're Not My Momma" (N)				
65	SYFY	(65) (4:30) The Condemned	Steve Austin.	** Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (09)	Bill Nighy, Rhona Mitra, Michael Sheen.			Van Helsing "Be True" (N)					
102	RFD	(102) SF Machinery (N)	Small Town (N)	Rural "American Century Invest" (N)		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	