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Members of Pacific Unitarian Universalist held a welcome-home barbecue for Ruben Perez Saturday at the Astoria Masonic Hall.

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"I love the support, seeing the community so concerned for what we're going through," she said.

Kit Ketcham, a Unitarian pastor, said she was told of Ruben Perez's situation by a friend and brought the issue up during mass. Peo-

ple soon started volunteering their time and money to get Ruben Perez out of detention.

"It's definitely a part of our mission as a congregation, to be helpful to people and to fight injustice," Ketcham said. "And this is such a clearly unjust situation."

Ruben Perez has gone back to work for a janitorial contractor while he applies for a work visa and waits for his next court date.

"I feel not better than before, but I feel something different ... maybe more secure from the community support," he said.

In a silver lining, the

ordeal has inspired his daughter, Mariana Perez, 20, to think about studying law to help other families like hers who struggle to afford legal representation.

"It's impossible for them to pay" for a lawyer, she said. "It's too high, because they have to pay rent and all that."

Stern memo says Manafort 'brazenly violated' law

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WASHINGTON — Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort committed crimes that cut to "the heart of the criminal justice system" and over the years deceived everyone from bookkeepers and banks to federal prosecutors and his own lawyers, according to a sentencing memo filed by special counsel Robert Mueller's office.



Paul Manafort

In the memo, submitted Saturday in one of two criminal cases Manafort faces, prosecutors do not yet take a position on how much prison time he should serve or whether to stack the punishment on top of a separate sentence he will soon receive in a Virginia prosecution.

But they do depict Manafort as a longtime and unrepentant criminal who committed "bold" crimes, including under the spotlight of his role as campaign chairman and later while on bail, and who does not deserve any leniency.

"For over a decade, Manafort repeatedly and brazenly violated the law," prosecutors wrote. "His crimes continued up through the time he

was first indicted in October 2017 and remarkably went unabated even after indictment."

Citing Manafort's lies to the FBI, several government agencies and his own lawyer, prosecutors said that "upon release from jail, Manafort presents a grave risk of recidivism."

The 25-page memo, filed in federal court in Washington, is likely the last major filing by prosecutors as Manafort heads into his sentencing hearings next month and as Mueller's investigation approaches a conclusion. Manafort, who has been jailed for months and turns 70 in April, will have a chance to file his own sentencing recommendation next week. He and his longtime business partner, Rick Gates, were the first two people indicted in the special counsel's investigation. Overall, Mueller has produced charges against 34 individuals, including six former Trump aides, and three companies.

Manafort's case has played out in stark contrast to those of other defendants in the Russia investigation, such as former national security adviser Michael Flynn, who prosecutors praised for his cooperation and left open the possibility of no jail time.

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Pearson has worked in the Bay Area and Seattle as a teacher, librarian and in the technology sector. While living in Northern California, she volunteered with Humboldt Liter-

acy Project helping adults improve their English, writing and reading skills.

"There's many programs out there where people go out and help people improve their writing skills," she said. "Maybe they want to start a business, but they

don't feel comfortable with the level of writing and reading skills they need. So that was always delightful to work with adults."

After retiring and moving back to Portland in 2011, she rekindled her interest in SMART and

started reading to children at local elementary schools. After relocating to Cannon Beach, she started reading and later took over as site coordinator at Gearhart, where she organizes a small cadre of retirees who come each week to read

with students.

"Our work providing one-on-one reading sessions and books to kids simply wouldn't be possible without our dedicated volunteers who give time each week to help kids build reading confidence, skills,

and get excited about reading and learning," Paula Seid, SMART's senior program manager for the North Coast, said in a news release about Pearson's award. "We are so grateful to Judith for the time and talent she shares with SMART."

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Sarah Masoni is the Director of Product and Process Development at the OSU's Food Innovation Center, where she has resided for the last 18 years. Sarah works as a liaison between the university and the food manufacturing industry by managing projects, and budgets at an innovative, leading-edge technology center. Sarah has specialized in food entrepreneurship, and she works on projects ranging from local and natural ice cream sandwiches, dairy products, beverages, seafood products, pet food and treats, sauces, dry mixes and organic fruit and nut bars. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Art and Food Science from Oregon State University.

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