

Julian Simpson gets 25 years for murder of Pendleton man

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Julian Darryl James Simpson is going to federal prison for 25 years for the 2016 murder of Tony Jimenez Jr. of Pendleton.

Simpson, 25, of Lewiston, Idaho, pleaded guilty in October 2017 to second-degree murder for shooting and killing Jimenez. Judge Anna J. Brown handed down the sentence Wednesday at the federal courthouse in Portland.

Simpson's public defender, Benjamin Andersen of Portland, in memos to the court pushed for a sentence of more than 17 years to almost 22 years, plus credit for the time Simpson spent in jail. The judge instead followed the recommendation from federal prosecutors.

Simpson, an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and co-defendant Victor Joseph Contreras attended a party March 19, 2016, at Beau Welch's home on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. According to court documents, disputes escalated between possible rival gang members, and Welch shut down the party and asked people to leave. Jimenez backed up Welch.

Outside the home, Simpson, Contreras and others became combative, and a fight broke out. According to the sentencing memo from United State attorney Billy Williams, Simpson said, "Let's blast these



Simpson

fools," chambered a round into his semiautomatic pistol and fired two shots. One struck Jimenez in the back of the head.

Contreras took out his pistol and fired 20 rounds, hitting Welch just above the ankle.

Welch recovered; Jimenez died from the injury.

Simpson and Contreras ran. Contreras fell into a nearby pond, where police found him and, eventually, the Glock pistol he tossed. Simpson made it back home to Idaho, where police arrested him the next week on warrants for probation violations of two separate drug convictions. Law enforcement also took a

Ruger pistol off Simpson. Simpson's previous criminal history was for drug crimes, according to Andersen, and Simpson was clean and sober until letting Contreras re-enter his life. Andersen claimed no one saw Simpson shoot Jimenez, and Contreras admitted he bought the Glock and the Ruger pistols in Idaho.

The prosecution argued Oregon State Police crime lab tests showed the gun Simpson had in Idaho fired the bullet that killed Jimenez.

Contreras in July 2017 pleaded guilty to assault resulting in serious bodily injury, as well as possession and shooting a firearm in connection with the assault. He faces more than 10 years in prison, according to court documents. The court set his sentencing for July 19.



Photo contributed by Heidi Sipe
Bob Lorence shows off his Administrator of the Year award in Seaside.

Lorence honored as Administrator of the Year

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Umatilla High School Principal Bob Lorence has been named 2018 Administrator of the Year by the Oregon Small School Association.

Lorence has worked for Umatilla School District for 27 years, starting out as an elementary school principal, and has been UHS principal since 2016.

A news release from Umatilla School District called him a "transformational" leader known for his willingness to serve his students and staff. Nominator Julie Hunt, the district's special education director, described him as "sincere and strategic in his efforts."

"Though he never seeks the spotlight, he is a deserving award recipient," said

Superintendent Heidi Sipe. "Umatilla schools are fortunate to have Mr. Lorence as a valued member of our leadership team."

Lorence was honored Friday in Seaside by the Oregon Small School Association.

In a copy of his acceptance speech provided by USD, he called his time at the high school the most challenging and rewarding of his career, and said he had felt honored recently to be able to present high school diplomas to the students that he once welcomed to McNary Heights Elementary School as kindergartners.

BRIEFLY

Pelleberg leaving for Washington job

Russ Pelleberg, Umatilla's city manager, said he is leaving for a city administrator position in Newport, Washington.

Newport is a town of roughly 2,000 people on the Washington and Idaho border, north of Spokane.

Pelleberg announced his resignation from the city Wednesday and plans to work through July 27.

In an email he said he is leaving on his terms, and "on great terms with the city of Umatilla."

Pelleberg joined the city in 2013 as public works director and was promoted to city manager in March 2016. He had previously worked in Washington, in the Tri-Cities area.

The city has not yet announced a plan for replacing him, but will accept his resignation and remove him as signatory on city bank accounts at its regular meeting Tuesday, July 3. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at Umatilla City Hall.



Pelleberg

Sponsored by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Umatilla National Forest, and Tri-State Steelheaders, children will get the chance to learn about fishing and earn prizes.

"We will have lots for the kids to do, including a casting contest with prizes for each age group and awards for the biggest fish caught during official derby hours," said Umatilla National Forest fish biologist Bill Dowdy, "The lake will be stocked with legal and trophy-sized fish for the event."

The event is free to all children 14 and under, although kids older than 12 will be required to have a valid fishing license. All youth who register and participate will get a free hot dog and soda pop, but also must be accompanied by an adult.

Fishing poles will be available for loan for all kids who do not have one while Tri-State Steelheaders are asking participants to pay it forward by donating poles in any condition for future events.

Jubilee Lake is located 12 miles northeast of Toggate on Forest Road 64. To get there, turn on State Highway 204 from Highway 11 at Weston and turn left on Forest Road 64.

Patriotic Sunday features ice cream social

MILTON-FREEWATER — An ice cream social will top off Patriotic Sunday at the Milton-Freewater First Christian Church.

The public is invited to attend Sunday school classes, which meet at 9 a.m. Rev. Steve Lyons is teaching a series of classes titled, "Questions in

the Bible" and John Mitchell is leading a series based on 'Ephesians. The worship service and junior church begins at 10 a.m. The church is located at 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

The ice cream social will take place this Sunday on the front steps after the morning services, which conclude at 11 a.m. Gordon Hall, Carole Lyons, Barbara Walters and Judy Carlson will be serving.

For valet parking, enter the ramp from the church's south side. Also, an elevator is available on the north entrance. For more information, call 541-938-3854.

Outdoor service includes food, fun

HERMISTON — The community is invited to Church in the Park, hosted by Hermiston Church of the Nazarene Church.

The event is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Victory Square Park, 150 S.W. 10th St., Hermiston. People are encouraged to bring their friends to the casual family-oriented service.

Be sure to grab some lawn chairs, and bring your sunglasses, soccer balls and Frisbees for a fun, faith-based service in the park. A potluck lunch is planned afterwards.

The church will provide pulled pork sandwiches, plates, napkins, cups and utensils. Those attending can bring other fixings and side dishes to share. Check out what people are bringing (and add your items) at www.perfectpotluck.com/LSVY3886.

For more information, call Melody Finn-Kinswa at 541-314-7767.

Jubilee Lake to host Kid's Fishing Day

Kid's Fishing Day is returning to Jubilee Lake on July 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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