

Fallen deputy called 'extraordinary' at funeral

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

PORTLAND — A Washington state sheriff's deputy who was fatally shot by a suspect was remembered Wednesday as an extraordinary young man who was destined for greatness in a profession he had dreamed of joining since childhood.

The funeral for Cowlitz County Deputy Justin DeRosier, 29, was packed with several thousand mourners, including hundreds of law enforcement officers who traveled from around the Pacific Northwest to honor him.

The ceremony was held at the University of Portland in Portland, across the Columbia River from his home in Washington state, due to the size of the crowd.

DeRosier was shot April 13 while responding to a call about a disabled motorhome blocking a road. He was able to take cover and call for assistance but died in surgery a short time later in Vancouver, Washington.

Sheriff Brett Myers of Whitman County, Washington, where DeRosier began his law enforcement career in an academy for reserve deputies, remembered him



AP Photo/Beth Nakamura

An honor guard carries the casket of Cowlitz County Deputy Justin DeRosier as a procession makes its way to the University of Portland, where a memorial service was held for the slain deputy on Wednesday in Portland.

as someone who "had too many questions, always had an answer for everything and sometimes didn't know his place in the pecking order."

Soon, though, Myers came to appreciate DeRosier's energy and nicknamed him "Boy Wonder" before hiring him onto his force, where DeRosier excelled and inspired others with his attitude.

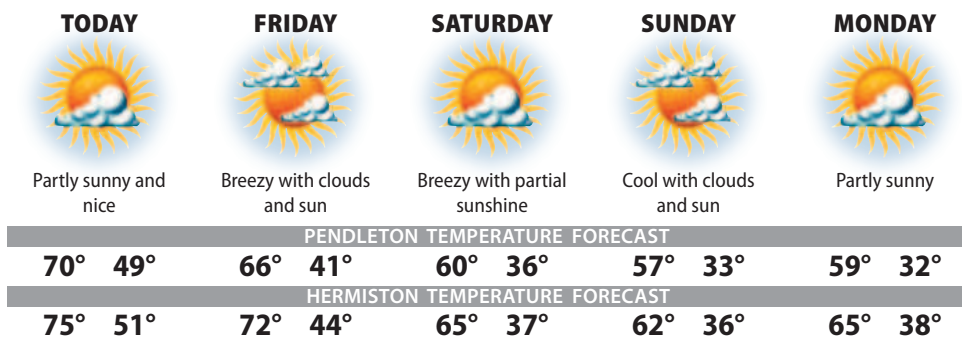
"Justin was an extraordinary person who did extraordinary things. Justin was one of a kind, he was larger than life and just plain fun to be around," Myers

said. "He never, ever complained. For him everything seemed to be an opportunity to do more, to learn more and be more."

Woodland Police Chief James Kelly, who met DeRosier when he coached him in T-ball at age 5, recalled delivering the bad news to DeRosier's parents the night he was shot.

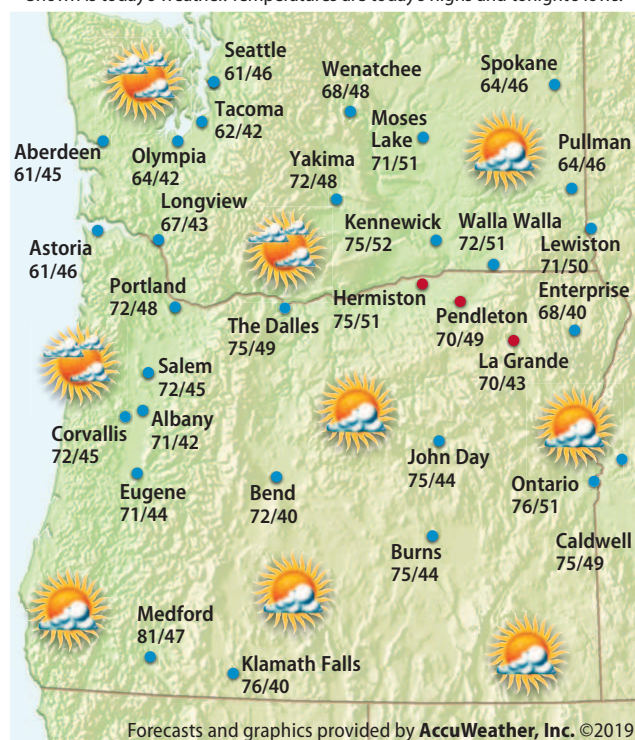
"The drive from the scene to your house was the longest drive of my life. How was I going to tell my friends their son had been shot? I had no words," Kelly said to DeRosier's parents as they sat in the front row.

Forecast for Pendleton Area



OREGON FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



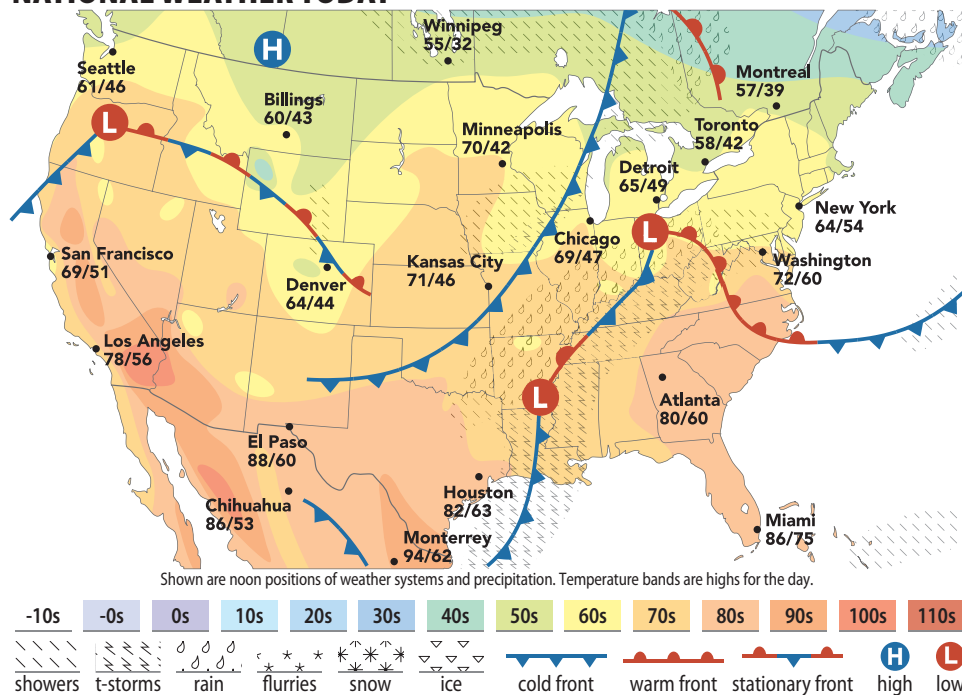
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Normals	65°	41°	
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Month to date	1.68"		
Normal month to date	0.93"		
Year to date	7.76"		
Last year to date	5.08"		
Normal year to date	4.89"		
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TEMP.	HIGH	LOW	
Yesterday	69°	48°	
Normals	67°	41°	
Records	84° (1977)	22° (2009)	
PRECIPITATION			
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Month to date	0.29"		
Normal month to date	0.67"		
Year to date	3.88"		
Last year to date	3.93"		
Normal year to date	3.78"		
WINDS (in mph)			
	Today	Fri.	
Boardman	NE 4-8	WSW 8-16	
Pendleton	NNE 4-8	W 10-20	
SUN AND MOON			
Sunrise today	5:53 a.m.		
Sunset tonight	7:54 p.m.		
Moonrise today	1:37 a.m.		
Moonset today	10:41 a.m.		
Last New First Full			
Apr 26	May 4	May 11	May 18

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 103° in Thermal, Calif. Low 22° in Aspen Springs, Colo.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



U.S. judge in Oregon says he will block new Trump abortion policy

PORTLAND (AP) — A U.S. judge in Oregon said Tuesday he intends to at least partially block a rule change by President Donald Trump's administration that could cut off federal funding for providers who refer patients for an abortion, though the scope of his decision remains to be seen.

U.S. District Judge Michael McShane made the comments after more than three hours of arguments in a lawsuit brought by 20 states and the District of Columbia, *The Oregonian*/OregonLive reported. The states say the rule change, due to take effect May 3, is a transparent attack on Planned Parenthood and a violation of the Affordable Care Act, which prohibits "unreasonable barriers to the ability of individuals to obtain appropriate medical care."

"At the heart of these rules is an arrogant assumption that the government is better suited to direct women's health care than their providers," Oregon Public Broadcasting quoted the judge as saying.

McShane said he needs more time to decide

whether he will issue a national injunction or a more limited one blocking the policy from taking effect. The judge said he's reluctant to set national health care policy and would describe the scope of his injunction in a written opinion soon.

Under the new policy, health care providers who receive federal funding would be barred from referring patients for an abortion. Programs that receive the money would also have to be in a separate physical space from facilities where abortion is performed.

The rule change concerns Title X, a family planning program created in 1970 which serves roughly 4 million low-income Americans every year. Clinics that receive money under Title X provide a wide array of services, including birth control and screening for diabetes, sexually transmitted diseases and cancer.

Abortion is a legal medical procedure, but federal laws prohibit the use of taxpayer funds to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or to save

the life of the woman. Religious conservatives and abortion opponents have long complained that Title X has been used to indirectly subsidize abortion providers.

"Title X grant funds are a true safety net for low income individuals and those who would not be able to access care, due to a lack of insurance or other barriers," Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum told the judge. "Put simply, this is an attempt to politicize what has been a successful, non-political public health program for 50 years."

U.S. Justice Department lawyer Andrew M. Bernie said there was nothing to suggest the change was politically motivated.

But McShane suggested it would be "insane" for a man to go to his doctor seeking a vasectomy, only to be referred to a fertility clinic.

Several other lawsuits have also challenged the new policy. California and Washington have sued separately; arguments in the latter case are set for Thursday in U.S. District Court in Yakima.

Future of Northwest e-recycler unclear after fraud sentences

By GENE JOHNSON
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SEATTLE — The future of one of the Northwest's largest electronics recyclers is uncertain after a judge sentenced its founders to prison for what prosecutors described as the largest known fraud of its type in the nation: a seven-year scheme to ship dangerous waste to Hong Kong, rather than safely handling it in the U.S. as promised.

Total Reclaim Inc., based in the Seattle suburb of Kent, recycles electronics as well as refrigerants and other toxic materials from government and private organizations in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

It held itself out as a leader in environmental stewardship, promising to safely dispose of items such as mercury-containing flat-screen television monitors for clients who included the cities of Seattle and Juneau, Alaska; the University of Washington; and Oregon and Washington state's E-Cycle programs.

Instead, as the independent watchdog group Basel Action Network discovered by tracking Total Reclaim's shipments, the company was secretly selling the monitors to another business, which was then sending them to Hong Kong to be dismantled by low-wage workers without proper health protections. The company sent 430 shipping containers carrying more than 8 million pounds of monitors overseas, putting workers and their families at risk of organ damage and mental impairment.



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Craig Lorch, right, one of the owners of electronics recycler Total Reclaim Inc., which is based in the Seattle suburb of Kent, Wash., walks toward a federal courthouse with attorneys John Wolfe, left, and Rebecca Gorn, center, Tuesday in Seattle.

Total Reclaim's owners, Jeff Zirkle and Craig Lorch, falsified hundreds of documents to cover it up when confronted, as they acknowledged in plea agreements and in statements to the court as they were sentenced to 28 months in prison Tuesday. Both addressed the court, saying they were ashamed of what they had done.

"You only stopped because you got caught," U.S. District Judge Richard Jones told them. "Why did you have to do this? You had a successful business."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Seth Wilkinson described the motive as greed: Total Reclaim wasn't prepared to recycle the flat-screen monitors it began accepting around 2008. Rather than invest the millions of dollars it would take to develop that capacity, he said, Lorch and Zirkle decided they could keep the money they were receiving from their clients and make additional profit by selling the mon-

itors to the company that shipped them to Hong Kong.

"The calculation was this: 'We can save millions of dollars, and we can make millions of dollars, by exposing other human beings to a substance we know to be poison,'" Wilkinson said.

There was no evidence about any workers who suffered health problems from handling the monitors; the defendants acknowledged only that they placed the workers at risk.

Prosecutors sought a five-year sentence. Defense attorneys asked for six months each, plus 500 hours of community service.

John Wolfe, an attorney for Lorch, said it wasn't greed. The flat-screen recycling constituted less than 3% of Total Reclaim's business, and the revenue from that would not have much affected the roughly \$8 million Lorch and Zirkle paid themselves during the scheme.

CORRECTION:

A story in the April 19, 2019 edition of the *East Oregonian* misstated the amount of a BUILD grant awarded to the Port of Morrow in 2018. The grant was for \$19.4 million. The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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