

Two sentenced to 100 months in prison

Former Western Oregon students to spend time in prison for sex crimes

By Emily Mentzer
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DALLAS — Two men were sentenced to 100 months in the Department of Corrections with 20 years of post-prison supervision at Polk County Circuit Court this afternoon.



Savoy



Weekly

R. Hill.

Robert Godeaux Savoy III, 23, was sentenced to 8 years, 4 months in the Department of Corrections for first-degree rape. He will serve 75 months concurrently for lesser sex charges.

Christopher James Weekly, 23, also was sentenced to 8 years, 4 months in the Department of Corrections for first-degree sodomy. He will also serve 75 months concurrently for lesser sex charges.

The incident took place in 2014 and involved one victim. The woman did not appear at the sentencing, but did send a statement with Chief Deputy District Attor-

ney Jayme Kimberly saying: "I've already spent too much of my time with you both. I've wasted enough time feeling scared. Now it's your turn to think about what you did that night."

Family members of Savoy emotionally pleaded with the judge to show mercy on Robert Savoy prior to sentencing.

Robert Savoy's father Eric Savoy said, "My son is very strong. He's a young man who would never do this. My son is an honorable man."

Neither Savoy nor Weekly added anything to the record before being issued their respective sentences.

Attorneys representing both men asked for a new trial on the grounds that the evidence was insufficient to justify a verdict, and that the verdict was against the law.

Hill said he believed the victim's version of what occurred and he denied a new trial.

Because first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy fall under Measure 11, Hill said he was compelled to issue mandatory sentencing of 100 months in the Department of Corrections and 20 years of post-prison supervision. Both Savoy and Weekly will have to register as sex offenders.

"There is no good here," he said. "It's a sad thing all the way around."

Attorneys representing Savoy and Weekly intend to file appeals to the sentence and the trial.

Awards: Lines made every place better

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This year, the ceremony's theme is "In Celebration of Courage," taking note of those "courageous and generous people that live in our community."

The awards presentation will follow dinner and a social hour, which begins at 6 p.m. at Col. James Nesmith Readiness Center in Dallas.

The awards include: Outstanding Organization, Small Business, New Business, Ag Business,

Business of the Year, President's Award, Lifetime Achievement, Good Samaritans, Excellence in Arts, Junior First Citizen and First Citizen.

Fairchild, who nominated Lines for Lifetime Achievement, said he is glad to see Dallas recognizing the mark Lines left on his city.

"For a life cut short, he had done a lot of things," Fairchild said.

"And in every place, he made it better."

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Small Business — El Pique
New Business — West Valley Taphouse
Ag Business — Daryll's Nursery
Business — Oregon State Credit Union
President's Award — Dallas Economic Development Commission
Lifetime Achievement — Ron Lines
Good Samaritan's — Jim Rodriguez & Colby Hamilton
Excellence in Arts — John Beck
Junior First Citizen — Jeremy Santee-Malloy (works at Citizens Bank)

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District responds to union vote

Central's board of directors, superintendent counter teachers' complaints

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INDEPENDENCE — The Central School Board has heard the complaints from the Central Education Association regarding Central High School Principal Greg Mitchell, Superintendent Buzz Brazeau said.

"The board has responded and we're trying to follow through with that process," he said. "It's a personnel issue."

The association has published a blog online written by CEA president and CHS English teacher Ben Gorman, in collaboration with other teachers, alleging a number of problems with Mitchell's leadership at Central.

Among those complaints are that Central High students were not offered sufficient opportunities to graduate.

The graduation rate at CHS has gone from 66 percent when Mitchell started in 2013 to 84 percent this year.

Gorman and CEA vice-president Laura said they are concerned about the Class of 2016, of which 33 percent has passed Smarter Balanced tests. The remaining students need to show their proficiency in the material through work samples through senior skills classes.

Waight said there were just two senior skills classes available, with 20 students enrolled in each.

Superintendent Buzz Brazeau said that every student who needed to provide work samples for graduation had taken the class in fall or winter term, or was scheduled to take the class in spring.

Gorman, Waight nor Brazeau could explain why work samples weren't done in the class where the subject was taught — language arts or math.

As for the master scheduling, Brazeau said when he was a building principal, there often were changes to the schedule two or even three weeks into the new

school year. He also noted that the union's grievance — a specific complaint about the contract not being followed — was filed while Mitchell was having open-heart surgery in 2014.

The union's proposed remedies — or what the union asked for in exchange for the contract not being followed — were granted: providing a substitute teacher so that teachers could better prepare for teaching a class they didn't know they would have to teach or paying them for extra time spent preparing.

Another allegation in the blog is that Mitchell disbanded the building's site council, something state law stipulates buildings have.

The law also notes that districts have the right to build councils in a way that would best suit each district.

In Central School District, buildings have a leadership team, and haven't had a site council as defined by the law in years, Brazeau said.

"That's a 20-year-old law," Brazeau said. "We've always struggled with site councils."

Instead, the district uses the leadership team model, which includes teachers and some members of the class-

fied staff to work on curriculum and try to improve the overall operation of schools, Brazeau said. School employees on the leadership team receive a stipend for the extra work.

Mitchell has had about eight hostile work environment claims filed against him, but they were thoroughly investigated and did not rise to that level, said Rich McFarland, assistant superintendent and human resources director.

Waight said the union's decision to take its complaints public was based on how teachers perceive Mitchell's actions to affect students.

"We don't take that lightly," Gorman said. "This is an instance where (the board) needs to step up to the plate and show they are willing to do what's best for students. A big part of our concern is, if it stalls, it will be too late to find another principal or we'll lose teachers. They need to be assured — apply more pressure."

Gorman and Waight said the union wants Mitchell out of the high school. A replacement must be willing to collaborate, communicate and have respect for teachers, Gorman said.

Fifth: Program helps kids graduate

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"Let's put it in its own fund and fund it that way," he said during a hearing on the bill this month. "That is

the straight forward and honest way to do it."

Sen. Sara Gelsler, a strong proponent of the bill, said she doesn't believe use of

state school fund is inappropriate — as opponents have charged — for the group of students who would be served through the new "Post-graduate Scholar" program.

Gelsler, Green and others who testified in favor of the legislation say the opportunity to attend community college is an incentive to graduate.

"I would argue that is always appropriate to use state school fund for the purpose of increasing a high school graduation rate," she said in the hearing on the bill.

"What we are creating is a carrot to keep kids in school districts, to graduate from high school that otherwise would leave."

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