

Public safety calls

WARRANTS

•Warrant service, 2:42 p.m. Nov. 21, Walmart. Nicholus Allen Lyons, 37, of Astoria was arrested on a failure to appear warrant from Clatsop County Circuit Court.

•Domestic disturbance inside vehicle, 4:22 p.m. Nov. 22, 1600 block Northwest Peter Iredale Road, Hammond. Danielle G. Kettner, 38, and Nick Robert Adams, 36, both of Seaside, were

arrested on warrants from Columbia County Circuit Court.

THEFTS AND BURGLARIES

•Attempted vehicle theft, 10:16 p.m. Nov. 15, 200 block Southwest Second Street. A man reported someone tried to steal two all-terrain vehicles worth \$7,200.

•Vehicle burglary, 5:18 p.m. Nov. 18, 100 block Northwest Fourth Street. A man reported someone

broke into his vehicle and took change, lug nuts and half an ounce of marijuana for a total value of \$42.

•Shoplifting, 2:25 p.m. Nov. 19, Walmart. Carrie S. Ho, 62, of Astoria was cited for third-degree theft after she allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for \$58 in DVDs.

•Shoplifting, 9:28 p.m. Nov. 24, Walmart. Christopher D. Buzard, 37, of Turner was cited for third-degree theft and criminal mischief after he allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for a \$56 BB gun.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/
DISTURBANCES

•Fight, 11:08 a.m. Nov. 22, Home Depot parking lot. A caller reported two people fighting in the parking lot and, while on the line, the subjects drove away and couldn't be found.

VEHICLES

•Vehicle vs. deer, 6:32 p.m. Nov. 19, Highway 101 at Alternate Highway 101.

•Traffic stop, 8:30 p.m. Nov. 19, Harbor Drive at Marlin Avenue. Driver cited for having no insurance.

•Three-vehicle collision, one injury, 5:13 p.m. Nov. 20, South Main Avenue at Southwest Third Street. A driver who had slowed behind a car waiting for a pedestrian in the crosswalk was struck from behind and then pushed into the car in front of him. The driver who caused the accident complained of pain. She was cited for following too closely and having no insurance.

•Vehicle vs. pedestrian, 6:28 p.m. Nov. 20, Alternate Highway 101 on Skipanon Bridge. A pedestrian on the north side of the bridge held out his lit up cell phone, hoping traffic would see him. Instead, a Toyota Tundra pickup struck the man's outstretched hand, which sent the cell phone flying.

•Traffic stop, 12:33 p.m. Nov. 22, South Main Avenue at Southwest Second Street. Driver cited for driving while suspended.

•Two-vehicle rear-end collision, no injuries, 3:38 p.m. Nov. 25, Ensign Lane near Highway 101.

Convicted child molester sentenced to 42 years

By **BRUCE DUSTIN**
The Columbia Press

A convicted sex offender was sentenced Tuesday to 42 years in prison with no possibility of parole.

Larry Dean Leach, 48, of Astoria was arrested on a warrant in New Mexico on May 7, 2018.

He was brought to Clatsop County and charged with three counts of first-degree rape, three counts of



Leach

sex abuse, and two counts of sexual misconduct with a child.

An investigation into the case, which included three female victims, was led by Warrenton Police Detective Tyler Johnston.

Leach's trial began Nov. 19 at the Clatsop County Courthouse. The jury unanimously found Leach guilty on all charges on Friday, Nov. 22.

Census participation vital, county says

The 2020 U.S. Census officially begins April 1. Clatsop County officials want to make sure residents understand ahead of time its importance and effect on the funding local agencies receive.

County staff members are assembling a group of community leaders they hope will spread the message to all residents.

Here's how the census will impact Clatsop County in the decade ahead:

- *Federal funds, grants and support* to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors.

By responding to the census, residents ensure their community gets its fair share of the \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

- *Businesses use census data* to decide where to build

factories, offices and stores, and this creates jobs. Developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods. Local governments use census figures for public safety and emergency preparedness.

- *The nation's founders made* apportionment of political representatives the original purpose of the census. Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution mandates that an apportionment of representatives among the states be carried out every 10 years.

Those who don't participate in the census could cause the state to receive less representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The apportionment results will be the first data published from the 2020 Census, and those results will determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next 10 years.

The week ahead

Public Meetings

MONDAY, DEC. 2

•Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St., 2nd floor.

TUESDAY, DEC 3

•Port of Astoria Board of Directors, 4 p.m., 10 Pier 1, Ste. 209, Astoria.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

•Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

•Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., Transit Center, 900 Marine Drive, Astoria.

Groups & Events

MONDAY, DEC. 2

•Warrenton-Hammond CERT, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

•Story and art, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Warrenton Community Library, 160 S. Main Ave.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

•TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, 30 N.E. First St.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

•Story and art, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Warrenton Community Library, 160 S. Main Ave.

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