

# Woman found dead on beach is identified

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The Cannon Beach Police Department is investigating the death of a woman found on the beach Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said a man who had been walking with his family discovered the body and called dispatch around 7:30 a.m.

Police and Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue responded, finding Lorraine Wilkins, 48, of Fairview, West Virginia, near Taft Street on the ocean shore in an outgoing tide.

They confirmed her death upon arrival.

Schermerhorn said Wilkins had no identification

on her, but was later identified by her fingerprints.

At this point, he added, it's difficult to tell whether she washed up onto the shore or was there when she died.

"It doesn't seem to be foul play," the police chief noted.

But the cause of death is being investigated by Cannon Beach police and the Clatsop County medical examiner.

Anyone who saw or heard anything suspicious in the area of Taft and the beach on Tuesday evening or during the early hours of Wednesday morning are being asked to call Lt. Chris Wilbur at 503-436-8072.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### Tuesday, Aug. 18

Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Thursday, Aug. 20

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Friday, Aug. 28

Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee, 10 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Tuesday, Sept. 1

Cannon Beach City Council, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Tuesday, Sept. 8

Cannon Beach City Council,

work session, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Tuesday, Sept. 15

Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Thursday, Sept. 17

Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Thursday, Sept. 24

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Friday, Sept. 25

Emergency Preparedness Committee, 10 a.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.



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## July 20

**12:02 a.m.** Second Street and sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**12:22 a.m.** Hemlock Street and Sunset Boulevard: disturbance. An officer spoke with a male who was caught urinating into a bush. The subject was intoxicated and informed not to urinate in public if at all possible. The man made it home without further incident.

**6:34 a.m.** 400 block of Silver Point Court: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**4:02 p.m.** 100 block of North Hemlock Street: animal complaint. Police received report of a dog in distress in a vehicle. The outside temperature was 67 degrees and the interior temperature of the vehicle was 77 degrees. The dog was not in distress, but the officer advised the complainant he would keep an eye on the vehicle.

## July 21

**6:31 p.m.** 100 block of North Hemlock Street: property found. A bicycle was found in the middle of the highway. An email was sent to the manufacturer requesting they contact the owner if they have the serial number on file. The officer also contacted the company that sold the bicycle and left a message requesting the same.

**11:51 p.m.** Tolovana Wayside: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

## July 23

**12:21 a.m.** Second Street: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**12:30 a.m.** East Second Street: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for overnight camping.

**12:39 a.m.** East Second Street: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**2:18 a.m.** Mariner Market: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful camping.

**8:58 a.m.** Second Street and beach: camping within city limits. Police received report of campers asleep on the beach in sleeping bags. An officer arrived, woke the subjects up and issued verbal warnings.

**11:02 a.m.** Conference Center: animal complaint. Complaint of a dog left in a car. An officer checked on the dog, which was fine.

## July 24

**12:20 a.m.** Tolovana Wayside: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for overnight camping.

**12:53 a.m.** Second Street and sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**1:07 a.m.** sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for overnight lodging.

**1:10 a.m.** Second Street and sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**1:15 a.m.** 3200 block of South Hemlock Street: animal complaint. Second racoon call of the evening at this address. Officer responded and was unable to find the racoon this time.

**11:30 a.m.** 100 block of East Gower Street: disturbance. Person urinating on bushes. Police received report about two hours after the incident. The suspect was gone.

**12:43 a.m.** Highway 101 and Sunset Boulevard: suspicious circumstances. Officer was dispatched to report of a disabled vehicle blocking most of Elk Creek Road at Sunset. He arrived to find a vehicle blocking most of Elk Creek Road at Elkland Drive and remained on scene to direct traffic until a tow arrived.

**10:05 p.m.** Elk Run Park: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**10:13 p.m.** Haystack Square: Second Street and sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for overnight camping.

**11:58 p.m.** Larch and Fifth Street: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

## July 25

**12:09 a.m.** First and Spruce streets: Second Street and sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**12:22 a.m.** Haystack Parking: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for overnight camping.

**12:33 a.m.** Haystack Parking: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**1:55 a.m.** Second Street restrooms: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**2:03 a.m.** Second Street and sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for overnight camping.

**2:07 a.m.** Second Street and sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects were warned for unlawful lodging.

**10:17 a.m.** 2100 block of Pacific Street: Police received a complaint regarding possible illegal tree limbing or removal. An officer spoke with the resident and advised them of the ordinance. Branches that had been removed were of small size or created a reasonable hazard. The subject was advised to get a permit regarding the city ordinances.

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