

Man is sentenced to probation for sex abuse

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The 22-year-old man who sexually abused a 19-year-old culinary student at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center in December was sentenced to five years probation.

Mitchell Ellis Corbin, of Portland, pleaded guilty Friday, Oct. 2, in Clatsop County Circuit Court to second-degree sex abuse. Additional charges of first-degree sodomy, first-degree attempted rape and first-degree unlawful sexual penetration were dropped through the plea agreement. Corbin was working on staff at the Christian Conference Center when he met the 19-year-old woman, who was attending a culinary class.

The sex abuse reportedly occurred in a housing unit at the conference center.

He was arrested in April at his parent's house in Portland and booked into Clatsop County Jail.

The victim did not attend the sentencing hearing Friday, but did send a statement that Prosecutor Scott McCracken read on her behalf. The statement described how she trusted Corbin as a friend and shared her worries and hardships with him. He listened and sympathized, but then took advantage of her emotional state, she said.

"If only I had known what your real intentions were before you proceeded to go too far," she wrote in the statement.

Judge Philip Nelson ordered Corbin to have no contact with the victim or her family.

The prosecution has 30 days to determine a restitution amount.



MITCHELL ELLIS CORBIN

Corbin must register as a sex offender and is ordered to have no contact with minors.

His defense lawyer James von Boeckmann asked Judge Nelson to make an exception to the no contact with minors order by allowing him to live at home with his teenage siblings. The judge allowed it.

"I'm going to ask your honor to make an exception to allow him to get on with his life and pick up the pieces sooner rather than later," von Boeckmann said.



REX AMOS/FOR CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

A dead shark washed ashore in Cannon Beach.

Shark washes ashore in Cannon Beach

This 6-foot shark washed ashore in Cannon Beach near Breakers Point and was found on Sept. 26. Thought to be a soupfin shark, it was likely the bycatch of local fishermen, Seaside Aquarium Administrative Assistant Tiffany Boothe said. Bycatch are fish unintentionally caught in a fishery designed to catch other fish. Although the cause of death isn't 100 percent certain, Boothe said a couple of small sharks have been found on Clatsop County beaches recently, during the September fishing season, leading to the conclusion.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

Sept. 13 8:24 p.m. Chapman Point: fire investigation. Subjects were warned of the fire ban.	disturbance. Haystack Rock Awareness Program staff reported a male cussing and shouting at them about driving on the beach. An officer contacted the male who apologized and admitted to cussing, but not yelling. He stated it was very hypocritical that HRAP could drive on the beach but he cannot. Officer advised that HRAP is part of the city and the male	apologized, stating he did not know that. He was warned for disorderly conduct.	8:54 p.m. 100 block of North Hemlock Street: theft. Theft of services. A dine and dash.	The passenger door and trunk of a vehicle were left open during the power outage. An officer contacted the owner and advised.	stances. Report of a suspicious person looking into cars. An officer responded and made contact. The subject moved along.
Sept. 18 5 p.m. Shorewood Apartments: interference with a police officer.			Sept. 22 12:50 p.m. 1200 block of South Hemlock Street: disturbance.	3:09 p.m. 200 block of West 2nd Street: criminal mischief III.	2:15 p.m. 3100 block of South Hemlock Street: public indecency.
Sept. 19 11:46 a.m. Haystack Rock:		Sept. 21 12:18 a.m. Hemlock Street and Vista Del Mar: DUII. Subject was arrested for DUII and reckless driving following a crash investigation. Subject refused breath sample, so a search warrant blood draw will determine BAC.	Sept. 24 12:45 a.m. 200 block of Tok Lane: suspicious circumstances.	Sept. 25 6:59 a.m. 200 block of North Hemlock: suspicious circum-	<i>There were 32 cases of illegal camping and two animal complaints.</i>

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