

Parole denied in 1976 killing

Nulph gets another hearing in two years

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The state parole board has deferred the potential release of convicted murderer and rapist George Nulph for two years.

The parole board concluded, based on a doctor's report and diagnosis, that Nulph suffers from a severe emotional disturbance and is a danger to the community.

Nulph was convicted in 1976 of murder and kidnapping in the abduction of Frances Christians in Cannon Beach. He was sentenced to life in prison but, under a new sentencing system, he was released in 1986. Nulph brutally raped a Portland woman shortly after his release, and was sent back to prison.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

George Nulph in his 1976 booking photo from Clatsop County.

The Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision ruled on Nulph's murder and sodomy convictions after holding a parole hearing in January.

Michael DeMuniz, a Portland attorney who

represented Nulph before the parole board, declined to comment.

Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis had argued against parole for Nulph at the January hearing.

"While I'm gratified that the (parole board) recognized Nulph did not deserve release, the fact he served less than 10 years on a life sentence is outrageous," Marquis said in an email. "If the Department of Corrections had not released him on 'leave' he would not have been able to rape an 18-year-old woman in Portland."

"This case languished without any action for over 25 years, and while the members of the current parole board bear no responsibility for failures of previous boards, Nulph should serve the rest of his life in prison. Now my office and Multnomah County DA's Office will need to notify the victims again that in two years we are likely to repeat this process."

Traffic delays on U.S. 101 expected due to tree-cutting

Travelers in the area of U.S. 101 near Cannon Beach mileposts 25-28, should expect delays of up to 20 minutes while a contractor working for the Oregon Department of Transportation fall and remove trees. Tree falling should be completed by March 31.

According to ODOT, defective trees can be a potential safety hazard caused by defective trees along U.S. 101. In addition, trees which shade the highway can cause frosty and slick roads during the winter that are a danger to travelers.

ODOT has identified and marked trees that are considered a danger to the 6,000 vehicles that travel this section of U.S. 101 daily. Many of these travelers are emergency responders, commuters, commercial traffic and need access to medical care.

Foresters and the state seek to provide a plan leaving larger trees throughout the project to maintain a forested feeling within the highway view shed, while removing trees that could pose a hazard to travelers.

Police investigate death of woman at Nehalem Bay State Park

By Jack Heffernan
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Oregon State Police are investigating the death of a woman Monday, Jan. 30, at Nehalem Bay State Park.

Patricia Abbott, 46, of Nehalem, was pro-

nounced dead inside the park after suffering from a medical condition.

She was walking with her boyfriend, Shawn Schmock, 50, of Lincoln City inside the park when she suffered the condition. Abbott then called her friend, Steve Moore, 55, from Nehalem, for assistance. When he ar-

rived, Schmock was performing CPR on Abbott. An onlooker called 911 at 2:15 p.m. once Schmock and Moore left the scene.

Police located them at Moore's residence in Nehalem, and Schmock was arrested on an outstanding parole violation warrant. His original charge was sex abuse.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

Jan. 22

9:02 a.m., 200 block N. Hemlock: A suspicious seeming person seen hanging around a restaurant was advised of the restaurant's concern; the person was given a lift to Seaside Helping Hands.

9:48 p.m., 200 block N. Spruce: There were no signs of forced entry and nothing was missing from an unsecured door at a local business. The owner was notified of the open door.

Jan. 23

3:56 p.m., Elk Creek Forest Reserve: Police respond to a report of shooting in the forest reserve. Hikers were startled by the sounds. Police arrive on scene and warned a group of shooters of their violation. All were cleared.

6:29 p.m., American Legion: An elderly woman who had passed out was alert and awake when police arrived. She declined treatment.

Jan. 24

8:09 a.m., Hemlock and Pacific: Police respond to a report of low hanging wires brushing passing trucks. Police and public works determine the downed lines to be phone lines; the utility is contacted.

Jan. 25

8:18 a.m., 200 block N. Hemlock: A trespasser loitering inside a coffee shop is asked to leave.

8:24 a.m., Tolovana Wayside restroom: Damage to a rear storage door was reported and noted as second degree criminal mischief.

Jan. 27

12:31 a.m., 100 block Elliot Way: Police assist Department of Human Services in attempting contact as part of an ongoing investigation. No contact was made.

4:03 p.m., Highway 26: Police assist Oregon State Police at the site of a

two-vehicle crash at Milepost 2.5. No injuries were reported, and the involved vehicles were not blocking the road. Subject's information was taken and given to Oregon State Police.

7:25 p.m., Cannon Beach: A courtesy ride was given to an elderly woman.

11:48 p.m., Tolovana Wayside: Police talk to a subject parked in the overnight parking area. It is determined the occupant of the vehicle is wanted on a felony robbery warrant and has stolen the vehicle, driving it to Cannon Beach from Aspen, Colorado. The occupant admits to having stolen the vehicle and is arrested and charged before being transported to the Clatsop County Jail. The vehicle was impounded pending a search warrant and eventual return to its rightful owner.

Jan. 28

12:34 a.m., 100 block N. Hemlock: A woman slipping in and out of con-

sciousness is transported to Seaside Providence Hospital by Cannon Beach fire and rescue.

6:35 p.m., 2100 block S. Franklin: Police respond to a disturbance call.

Jan. 29

12:42 a.m., North Cannon View Point: Male and female subjects are arrested on a warrant and a detainer. Both parties are transported to 550.

7:05 p.m., Highway 101, MP36: After observing and following a vehicle with a defective headlight and brake light traveling 61 mph in a 50 mph zone, an officer initiated a traffic stop which resulted in the arrest of the driver who was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. The driver was processed at the Seaside Police Department and issued citations before being released on their own recognizance.

Jan. 30

10:39 a.m., 500 block Vine Maple: A

person burning refuse outside without a permit was told to extinguish the fire and get a permit.

5:27 p.m., 1300 block Pacific: Police received notice about a runaway.

Jan. 31

11:55 a.m., 300 block Sunset Blvd: A person was issued a warning about burning without a permit.

Feb. 1

12:49 p.m., 100 block E. Jackson: An officer gave a courtesy assist to a person with a dead car battery.

2:11 p.m., 3100 block S. Hemlock: Police respond to a woman struck on the head with a crowbar. It was determined to be a construction accident, not a criminal attack. No further information was available.

6:23 p.m., 2700 block S. Pacific: An elderly man in a state of dehydration and disorientation was assisted by the police.

Feb. 2

2:58 a.m., Highway 101 N. Entrance: A woman was pulled over and charged with DUII. Her blood alcohol level was noted at 0.15 percent.

4:58 p.m., 400 block S. Holladay: Cannon Beach police assist Seaside police with an intoxicated female said to be combative. She was taken to Seaside Providence Hospital due to her high level of intoxication.

Feb. 3

5:23 a.m., Block E and 2nd Street: Illegal overnight campers were issued a warning.

11:24 p.m., Midtown restrooms: Suspicious activity was reported.

Feb. 4

9:44 p.m., E. 2nd Street: Subjects are warned of illegal camping.

11:59 p.m., Hemlock and Haystack: A person was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.



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