

# North Coast woman sentenced to 10 years for theft

By **BRENNA VISSER**  
The Daily Astorian

A North Coast woman was sentenced Friday, March 1, to 10 years in prison for racketeering and more than 20 identity-theft related charges.

Desirai Skye Schehl, 28, was charged with 145 counts of identity and mail theft, first-degree forgery and other crimes earlier this year. More than 130 Clatsop County people and businesses were listed as victims.

As part of a deal with prosecutors, Schehl pleaded guilty or no contest to 13 counts of identity theft, three counts of first-degree forgery, six counts of mail theft and one felony count of racketeering.

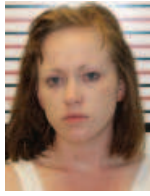
“Not only was her exposure just greater than I’ve ever seen on any kind of case like this, but also Ms. Schehl from the begin-

ning was ready to come to terms,” said James Lee von Boeckmann, an attorney who represented Schehl.

Schehl could have been sentenced to spend the rest of her life in prison, due to the number of charges. The district attorney’s office and the defense agreed on a 10-year sentence to give Schehl an opportunity to do drug treatment and have a chance at being a part of her 5-year-old son’s life again.

Schehl’s behavior is believed to be related to her drug addiction.

“Considering the number of individuals she has taken advantage of, I thought 10 years was an appropriate sentence,” said Deputy District Attorney Steven Chamberlin, who prosecuted the case. “Frankly, I’m hopeful that she takes advantage of getting some drug treat-



Desirai Skye Schehl

ment so when she comes back she has the opportunity to be a part of her son’s life and be a positive role model for him. If she doesn’t, she’s going to fall right back into this.”

For almost a year, Schehl systematically gained access to other people’s accounts by stealing checkbooks or mail with personal information. She would forge checks, deposit them into other people’s bank accounts and then withdraw the money, she said during her sentencing.

In many cases, Schehl would give people she knew who were also addicts money or drugs to set up fake bank accounts, where she would deposit and withdraw money she stole from other accounts. Other times, she stole bank cards or checkbooks and made unauthorized purchases at local stores.

In one incident, police found Schehl with 117 pieces of mail after receiving reports of stolen mail from a mass mailbox along state Highway 202.

“You have victimized so many people in our community,” Circuit Court Judge Paula Brownhill said. “I wish the police could have caught you much earlier. I don’t know why it took so long.”

In addition to prison time, Brownhill is requiring Schehl to pay back all of the money stolen from the victims.

After pleading, Schehl apologized for causing harm and said she intends to pay everyone back to “make things right.”

“I wish I could change the fact I hurt a lot of people,” she said. “I feel like this process can either make me stronger or make me worse, and I’m going to use it to make me a better person.”

# Seaside High School students arrested over bringing gun to school

By **EDWARD STRATTON**  
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SEASIDE — Two Seaside High School students were arrested Wednesday, Feb. 27, after bringing an unloaded gun to campus in an attempt to intimidate another student.

Concerned students witnessed a .22-caliber pistol and reported it to school staff, who contacted Seaside police before noon. Police recovered an unloaded .22-caliber pistol from a student’s backpack.

In a letter posted online, Jeff Roberts, the high school principal, said there was no indication of any ammunition with the pistol, nor any other weapons missing from the student’s home. During the investigation, it was learned that another student knew of the intent to bring a gun to school, Roberts wrote.

“It was explained by the students during questioning that the reason the weapon was brought to school was to intimidate another student in an attempt to settle a verbal dispute that happened on Tuesday,” he wrote.

“Throughout the duration of this incident, all involved parties were under staff or police supervision and there was no perceived imminent threat to students and staff,” Roberts wrote. “The decision was made to not put the school into lockdown because the party in possession of the weapon was in supervised custody from the moment staff was notified.”

Police have declined to name the students.

One student, 14, was charged with unlawful use of a weapon, first-degree theft, unlawful possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon and second-degree disorderly conduct. The other, 15, was also arrested for unlawful use of a weapon and second-degree disorderly conduct.

The case is being reviewed by the Clatsop County District Attorney’s Office, Seaside Police Lt. Bruce Holt said, and the students were taken to the Cowlitz County Juvenile Services Center.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact Cpl. Jeff Oja at 503-738-6311.

## CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

- Feb. 15**  
12:19 p.m., E. Van Buren: A stop sign mounted in a residence is turned in as found property.
- Feb. 16**  
11:12 a.m., Police headquarters: A citizen turns in a found wallet.
- Feb. 17**  
12:43 a.m., 900 block Fourth Avenue, Seaside: Police assist Seaside police with a domestic disturbance between two females who agree to separate for the evening.
- Feb. 18**  
2:29 a.m., Haystack Rock: Police respond to a report of a boat in distress; the boat is determined to be a fishing boat and not in distress.
- Feb. 19**  
11:17 p.m., 1700 block View Point Terrace: A vehicle with its hatchback open is noticed by officer on patrol; owner notified and the vehicle secured.
- Feb. 20**  
9:42 p.m. Ecola Inn and Beach: A person is cited for careless driving.
- Feb. 21**  
10:45 a.m., Police headquarters: Lost keys are reported.
- Feb. 22**  
11:33 Highway 101, MP 31.5: An injured elk is dispatched. ODOT notified.

- Feb. 23**  
2:04, N. Hemlock: A theft reported is determined to be a civil issue.
- Feb. 24**  
Ten real estate signs from the same agent with the same agency were removed from multiple locations in Cannon Beach as a code violation and for blocking the public right of way.
- Feb. 25**  
8:00 p.m., Les Shirley Park: Suspicious vehicle reported. Subjects said they would be moving along.
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# Cannon Beach Fire responds to jackknifed truck

By Cannon Beach Gazette



On Wednesday, Feb. 27, Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue responded to a report at 7:48 a.m. of a jackknifed truck south of Arch Cape.

Responding were Chief Matt Benedict, Lt. Shaunna White, Firefighters Jordan Spencer and Silvia Avila.

**Cannon Beach Fire responds to a report of a jackknifed truck.**

Black ice and snow on the road were the cause. There were no injuries.

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