

Roden charged with four counts of aggravated murder

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Wing, who was arrested by Seaside police Jan. 1, is charged with murder by abuse from neglect and maltreatment, first-degree manslaughter and six counts of criminal mistreatment.

Roden is charged with four counts of aggravated murder, two counts of murder by abuse, felony murder, first-degree unlawful sexual penetration, first degree sex abuse, three counts of first-degree assault and three counts of criminal mistreatment. The sex abuse charges relate to Roden allegedly subjecting 2-year-old Evangelina Wing to sexual contact by touching.

The 15-count indictment, filed Dec. 31 against Roden accuses him of "intentional maiming or torture" of the toddler and having a "pattern and practice of assault."

An autopsy found Evangelina Wing was the victim of homicide and apparently died from blunt force trauma. She would have turned 3 on Jan. 22.

Roden, who made an initial court appearance on Christmas Eve, and Wing are being held in jail without the possibility of bail. Roden's case was given a complex case designation by Judge

Cindee Matyas, which means the defense and prosecution will have more time to prepare.

The aggravated factor because the victim is under 14 years old could carry the possibility of the death penalty for Roden.

The murder by abuse charge against Wing is not a death penalty offense.

District Attorney Josh Marquis said he has not yet decided if he will pursue the death penalty.

Evangelina Wing's death is the second toddler death in Clatsop County in the past year.

Marquis is also prosecuting an aggravated murder case against Jessica Smith, the mother accused of drugging and murdering her 2-year-old daughter and attempting to kill her 13-year-old daughter in a Cannon Beach hotel July 31.

"I've been a prosecutor for 32 years and never in my career have I had two cases involving two 2-year-old children as victims," Marquis said. "It's always very depressing when a child dies."

At about 5:20 a.m. Dec. 20, the Seaside Police Department received a 911 call that a child, later identified as Evangelina Wing, was not breathing. They responded



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Randy Lee Roden listens via video link during his arraignment in Clatsop County Circuit Court Jan. 2. Randy Lee Roden, 26, of Seaside, has been accused of killing 2-year-old Evangelina Wing.

ed to the Salmonberry Knoll Apartments, 1250 S. Wahan-na Road, where the child was found dead.

Wing's two sons, ages 5 and 2, were found injured, hospitalized and placed in state protective custody. Wing is charged with criminal mistreatment for leaving her three children with Roden and for withholding medical attention.

Court records show Roden got out of prison last January after being sentenced to 18 months for coercion related to a domestic violence case against another woman.

Roden, a former Georgia

resident who stopped school after 11th grade, was originally indicted on 52 counts of domestic violence and sex abuse against the woman in 2012. Charges included strangulation, menacing, attempt to commit murder, unlawful sexual penetration and coercion.

He pleaded no contest to the coercion charges and was sentenced to 18 months in prison and 60 months of probation. The other charges were dropped as part of the plea deal.

Marquis declined to comment on why so many charges were dropped at the time.



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District Attorney Joshua Marquis listens during Dorothy Wing's arraignment in Clatsop County Circuit Court Jan. 2.

"He got a very tough sentence," Marquis said. "He got 18 months in prison with a back end of 60 to 100 months' probation."

Roden recently violated his probation by possessing a controlled substance and changing his residence without Department of Corrections permission, according to court documents.

A probation violation hearing is pending. Roden appears to have moved in with Wing during autumn.

In June, Dorothy Wing successfully filed for a restraining order against her husband, Robin Wing. She

wrote in the request that her husband returned home drunk, made accusations and then strangled her to prevent her from screaming for help.

Seaside police were called to the Wing home Aug. 17 after the couple got into fight. The police report states Dorothy Wing looked at her husband's phone and saw text messages sent to his ex-wife.

"Dorothy also told me she knew she was violating the restraining order by letting Robin live with her and their children," the officer wrote.

Robin Wing's legal problems continued Dec. 1, when a judge sentenced him to prison for assault and a probation violation. His earliest release date is in September 2017, according to the Corrections Department.

Dorothy Wing's defense attorney is John Gutbezah of Lake Oswego. Roden is being represented by defense attorney Conor Huseby of Hillsboro.

Marquis is appointing prosecutors Dawn Buzzard and Ron Brown to the case.

Wing is scheduled to appear for a status hearing at 2 p.m. Feb. 24. Roden's next appearance will be 2 p.m. Feb. 26.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Seaside Police Log

Dec. 19

5:09 p.m., 500 block of Avenue S: Officer requested to check welfare of children at household. Officer advised only mother contacted and advised children at father's house until Christmas.

10:28 p.m., Fifth Avenue and the Prom: Report of a loud explosion. Reporting party said it sounded like a propane explosion. Officers searched the area; unable to smell, hear or see anything in the area. Only one call on the large explosion.

11:08 p.m., 100 block of Eighth Avenue: Subject reported a domestic disturbance that occurred about 3 p.m. and requested a welfare check eight hours later. Officers made contact; she was fine, will call friend.

Dec. 20

7:27 a.m., Wahanna Road: 911 call; traffic complaint, citizen reporting no headlights on vehicle. Flashed his headlights at vehicle; vehicle then sped off at estimated 50 mph, still no headlights. Transferred through to Oregon State Police.

8:47 p.m., 1800 block of Huckleberry Drive: Police responded to 911 call regarding deceased person.

10:27 p.m., 700 block of Avenue H: Report of a male/female disturbance. Turned out to be two males. Subjects returned to their hotel room and advised to stay in for the night.

Dec. 21

1 p.m., Avenue A: Report of an unlawful lodger. Officer made contact; subject was given a verbal warning and directions to the bus stop.

11:15 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 near Outlet Mall: 911 call, reported of a possible intoxicated driver. Officer caught up to the vehicle in Gearhart and performed a traffic stop. Subject not intoxicated. Clear.

Dec. 22

1:24 a.m., 200 block of South Columbia Street: Subject stated that they felt threatened but could only say the person was talking strangely and following him. Officers made contact with the suspect.

2:04 p.m., 1200 block of South Holladay Drive: 911 caller reported possible intoxicated driver. Officer located the vehicle and subject, who state she was tired from driving and was going to rest for a while.

7:18 p.m., South Wahanna Road and Spruce Drive: Caller reported intoxicated driver. Officer found vehicle parked on the street but was unable to determine which residence the person may have entered.

Dec. 23

8:07 a.m., 2200 block of North Wahanna Road: Complaint of two vehicles in church parking lot during the past five nights. Officer made contact and advised of ordinance. Subject will be moving along.

9:42 a.m., 100 block of Forest Drive: Police responded to 911 call regarding deceased person.

4:49 p.m., 2400 block of U.S. Highway 101: Complaint of harassment from neighbor who made verbal threats and was disrespecting his 87-year-old mother. Officer arrived; ongoing dispute between neighbors. Subject warned about telephonic harassment.

Dec. 24

8:09 a.m., 1300 block of Halbig Lane: Dispatch received a 911 hangup. Upon calling back, made contact with woman, who sounded disoriented. When asked if she needed help, she said yes, someone was harassing her and she should have reported it before. When asked if the person was there now, she replied she did not know if they were watching her.

7:17 p.m., 400 block of South Roosevelt Drive: Third-party report about person trying car doors in the Safeway parking lot. Officers responded but were unable to locate the subject. If he is spotted,

the original victim will call police.

Dec. 25

3:27 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 Southbound: Oregon State Police passed on a driving complaint. Officer made contact with driver and was advised no impairment, although the subject did have some medical issues. He was advised of complaint.

4:52 p.m., 200 block of South Holladay Drive: Subject(s) warned for unlawful lodging.

Dec. 26

5:26 a.m., 200 block of South Holladay Drive: 911 caller claimed he was chased by an unknown number of people and had no idea where they are now. Officers responded and spoke to the complainant who advised it happened last night near his residence. Officer advised subject has been awake for a couple of days and that the call likely was unfounded.

1:09 p.m., 300 block of Seventh Avenue: Officer advised of city ordinance regarding target practicing within city limits.

1:36 p.m., 700 block of South Wahanna Road: Drugs and parapher-

nal picked up and brought to Seaside Police Department.

Dec. 27

11:08 a.m., Eighth Avenue and Franklin: Report of a line down. Officer checked the area with the fire department and located it. It was secured. Telephone company advised.

9:24 p.m., 400 block of South Roosevelt Drive: Caller reported unwanted subject removed from property. Subject left prior to officer arrival.

Dec. 28

12:19 a.m., Funland Arcade on Broadway: Report of a vehicle that pulled up and provided cigarettes to a group of juveniles. Gearhart officer checked the area, made contact with the complainant. Officer unable to locate the suspect vehicle or the vehicle with the juveniles who left the area.

5:06 p.m., South Roosevelt Drive: 911 caller reported reckless driver. Officer located vehicle unoccupied, sat for a while and nobody came out.

5:44 p.m., 400 block of South Roosevelt Drive: Officer made contact with two subjects in a possible

disturbance. Officer advised parties going their separate ways.

Dec. 29

9:24 a.m., Chamber restrooms: Complaint of male subject under the influence of something within restrooms. Officers responded, made contact, subject was moving on.

2:30 p.m., 1300 block of Second Avenue: Officer assisted on scene of small structure fire.

6:15 p.m., 400 block of Necanicum Drive: Officer responded to report of persons selling or offering to clean house for free going door to door. Officer checked the area to no avail.

7:00 a.m., Chamber restrooms: Officer contacted subject with open container in restroom and warned. Also advised subject to not drive and he stated he would call his son for a ride.

Dec. 30

12:04 a.m., 1200 block of South Roosevelt Drive: Officer located subject unlawfully lodging. Officer cited subjects.

4:20 p.m., North Roosevelt Drive near Rite Aid: Police responded to

911 call regarding motor vehicle accident.

Dec. 31

4:32 p.m. Avenue G and Holladay Drive: Police responded to 911 call regarding motor vehicle accident.

8:53 p.m., U.S. Highway 101: Police conducted traffic stop and arrested subject for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

11:52 p.m., Franklin Street and Avenue G: Police conducted traffic stop and arrested subject for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Jan. 1

2:02 a.m., 400 block of Columbia Street: Extremely intoxicated male called 911 and asked for help. Officers responded and found a friend's house for him to stay the night.

2:31 a.m., 2200 block of South Franklin Street: Another report of fireworks. 911 caller reported seeing the house they were coming from and they hit the house. Officers responded and contacted the responsible.

3:04 a.m., South Columbia Street: Officers took minor in possession of alcohol to mother.

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