

Inmates attempt to flee

Men use drain grate to try to shatter window

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KEVIN MICHAEL BURNHAM



ANTHONY CRAIG OSBORNE

A Seaside man accused of attempted murder in a hammer attack and another inmate attempted to escape from Clatsop County Jail early Sunday morning, July 12.

Kevin Michael Burnham and Anthony Craig Osborne broke off a shower drain grate, tied it to a bedsheet and swung it against a window until the window shattered.

The inmates then flooded a toilet in the cellblock and added soap to make the floor slippery for any responding corrections officers.

Their plan was foiled once a corrections officer started hearing the muffled thumping sound of the grate hitting the window.

"They put soapy water all over the floor," Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin said. "Had the corrections officers gone in they

could have slipped and fell. Our corrections officers are smart enough not to rush into something like that."

The officers detained Burnham and Osborne at about 1 a.m. Sunday and placed them back into a different part of the jail. They are both being charged with first-degree attempted escape and first-degree criminal mischief.

Burnham, 25, of Seaside, is in custody for attempted murder after allegedly assaulting another man with a hammer in February. His defense attorney and the prosecution are trying to reach a plea deal on the case.

Prosecutor Dawn Buzard said she is not budging from her offer of 70 months, or about six years, in prison

for Burnham to plead to a lesser charge of second-degree robbery.

Burnham reportedly told officers the reason he tried to escape was because the District Attorney's Office gave him such a bad deal on the attempted murder case.

Osborne, 24, of Seaside, is in custody on theft, burglary and drug charges.

The new charges could add about 30 months, or more than two years, to their sentences.

"They conceived a scheme to break out and fortunately the staff was far too attentive for that to occur," Bergin said.

The two inmates shared a cellblock with 13 other inmates when they made the attempted escape. The



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A shattered window is shown from the outside of Clatsop County Jail. Kevin Michael Burnham and Anthony Craig Osborne attempted to escape from Clatsop County Jail around 1 a.m. Sunday, July 12, by swinging a shower drain grate tied to a bedsheet against the window.

other inmates had to be removed from the cellblock and held in a library space, while maintenance crews temporarily fixed the broken window shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday.

Burnham and Osborne took about 20 swings against the window. A couple of more swings and they could have broken through

the window, which is large enough for them to get through.

The estimated damage could cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to fix, according to the jail.

"They were actually able to shatter the window," Bergin said. "It was definitely weakened enough it was getting close."

Escape attempts are rare at the jail, Bergin said. The last one he remembers is before his time as sheriff, when an inmate jumped from the roof of a recreation area, and was caught a day later.

Burnham and Osborne are scheduled to appear in Clatsop County Circuit Court next week for arraignment on the new charges.

Judge grants request for separate trials for accused toddler killers

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The Seaside mother and live-in boyfriend accused of murdering the woman's 2-year-old daughter last December will be tried at separate trials next year.

Dorothy Ann Wing, 25, and Randy Lee Roden, 27, were co-defendants set to face trial next April.

After a hearing in early July in Clatsop County Circuit Court, Judge Paula Brownhill granted a request from the couple's defense

lawyers to sever the cases.

Wing is now scheduled for trial in March, one month before Roden, whose trial remains in April.

Clatsop County Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown said an obstacle to keeping the couple as co-defendants was the fact that Wing and Roden have different charges. Roden's charges have the possibility of the death penalty, while Wing's charges do not. Two different juries would have been needed, one for the death-penalty case and one

for Wing's case.

"Since we were not able to figure out a way to have two juries at the same time at the same courtroom, we need to reset one of these cases," Judge Brownhill said.

Roden was indicted on 15 counts. The charges include 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 the girl to sexual contact by touching. Wing was indicted on counts of murder by abuse from neglect and maltreatment, first-degree manslaughter and six counts of criminal mistreatment.

The alleged crimes occurred Oct. 31 to Dec. 20 of last year. An autopsy found Wing's daughter, Evangelina Wing, was the victim of homicide and apparently died from blunt force trauma. She would have turned 3 on Jan. 22. In their motions to sever, Roden's defense lawyer, Conor Huseby, and Wing's defense lawyer, John Gutbezahl, argue the couple made incriminating statements about the events and both implicate the other.

The couple told investigators about incidents where the 2-year-old girl fell coming from a bus stop, fell off of a toilet and got in tussles with Wing's two sons, ages 5 and 2, who were found in-

jured the same day Wing's daughter was found dead. The boys were hospitalized and placed in state protective custody. Wing remains in custody without the possibility of bail.

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