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Officers salute as Sgt. Jason Goodding's casket is escorted from the Seaside Convention Center during his memorial service on Friday.

Seaside says farewell

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Gaidos, a former patrol officer and criminalist, said he was listening to a man in need last week and began picturing Goodding and thinking about all the times the Seaside Police sergeant helped people in similar situations.

"I just became aware of Jason's smile and face. I sat back and relaxed and just listened to the man talk because that's what Jason did for people," Gaidos said. "That's going to be a legacy I can keep with me all the time."

Goodding, 39, was shot and killed Feb. 5 while trying to arrest a suspect on a felony assault warrant.

Friends and colleagues spoke at the memorial about Goodding's "Chiclet smile," his compassion and dedication to his family and community. Each person — taking turns standing at a podium above an American flag-covered casket, flowers and photographs of Goodding — addressed a sea of uniformed officers who came from all across the country.

At the start of his tribute, Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin slapped a sticker in the shape of a smile on the podium. He said the first thing everyone always noticed about Goodding was his smile.

"He always made every single person he talked to feel like you were his best friend," Bergin said.

Bergin, who was Goodding's next-door neighbor, shared stories about them



Member of the ceremonial honor guard salute in front of Sgt. Jason Goodding's casket during the presentation of the flag at the memorial service.

four-wheeling together and sharing beers on his front porch.

"I am so proud to have known Jason," Bergin said. "He is just an incredible man."

Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham considered Goodding a close friend. "Our hearts are heavy. We are grieving the loss of our department leader, team member and friend," Ham said. "As we celebrate Jason's life today, our tears of sadness are going to turn to joy soon."

Ham spoke about fun memories boating, fishing and hiking together. Ham enjoyed visiting Goodding and getting to know his wife, Amy, and two daughters, Joslyn, 13, and Jayden, 10. When he came over to visit, Ham joked, the girls would always mispronounce his name and say, "Damn Ham is here."

Ben Ward, a childhood friend of Goodding's, and Roger Schenk, Goodding's high school coach, each spoke about Goodding's upbringing in Sherwood. Goodding was a star athlete who grew up rooting for the University of Oregon Ducks athletics and Los Angeles Lakers.

Schenk remembers Goodding's charisma and leadership. He had a knack for making people feel special, Schenk said.

"I wanted him to be a teacher or a coach, and he did a little bit of that," Schenk said. "He found his calling and passion was law enforcement, and he made the right choice."

The memorial was mostly a moment for Goodding's friends and family to celebrate his life.

While the tone was often

casual and humorous, the grief over Goodding's death in the line of duty was never far from the surface.

Gov. Kate Brown recognized Goodding's commitment with the Medal of Ultimate Sacrifice, which she presented to Goodding's wife.

State Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, passionately spoke out against those who criticize law enforcement officers.

The state senator specifically called out fellow lawmakers in the state Legislature who have been experimenting with justice reinvestment programs that keep some criminals out of prison.

Phillip Max Ferry, the man who allegedly killed Goodding and was shot dead by police, was a habitual criminal who spent no more than five years in prison.

"The very officers expected to be on the front lines so the rest of us can stay safe have been relegated to minor players in a political experiment called justice reinvestment," Johnson said.

Goodding's memory should be honored by acknowledging what is asked of the police, Johnson said, and not by criticizing them when they do their jobs.

"How tragic so many will mourn Sgt. Goodding's death today, and in the days to come will disrespect public safety professionals by making their jobs more difficult through ill-conceived policies ripe with unintended consequences," Johnson said.

Seaside pitches in for Goodding family

All public buildings closed Friday in honor of slain officer

By Katherine Lacaze
Seaside Signal

The Human Bean in Seaside was one of several businesses along the North Coast to step up and support the family of Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding, the officer killed in the line of duty Friday.

The business donated all proceeds from Monday, Feb. 8, to the Goodding family, "to help with any expenses they may have in their time of need," Adam Israel posted on Facebook. He and his wife, Kristi, own and run the business, and they were good friends with Goodding.

"We didn't look at him like a cop," Kristi Israel said, describing him as a good and well-loved person.

By the end of the day, The Human Bean had raised a whopping \$9,624 to honor the fallen police officer.

Goodding and Adam Israel played together for several years in the local Pig Bowl charity game, and the friendship developed from there.

"It's nice we can do this," Kristi Israel said.

The Israels encouraged people to stop by during the day and share a story or "a Goodding-like smile for our fallen hero, coach, father, athlete role model and friend," according to the Facebook page.

Green and yellow

To commemorate Goodding's dedication to the University of Oregon Ducks, The Human Bean staff wore green and yellow. Some of "the guys' best memories" were attending Ducks games, Kristi Israel said.

As of late Monday afternoon, the shop had seen lots

of traffic, including some staff from Providence Seaside Hospital, where Goodding's wife is employed as a nurse. Some people did not get coffee but still made donations to the Goodding family. Some people "paid forward," leaving donations to cover future orders from law enforcement personnel to "keep them hydrated" while they serve the community, Kristi Israel said. Kristi Israel said the outpouring of support from the local community is an example of what makes Seaside special.

"We moved back here for that reason," she said. "Everybody looks out for each other."

Donation jars were set up at The Human Bean in Warrenton, as well.



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Kristi Israel of The Human Bean in Seaside was busy, Monday, Feb. 8. Proceeds from the shop's entire sales throughout the day were donated to a fund for the family of Sgt. Jason Goodding.

Findings: Officer justified

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According to the investigation, both officers came across Ferry, a known felon, at about 9:20 p.m. in downtown Seaside. Goodding verified there was a warrant out for Ferry's arrest. He called out repeatedly to Ferry by name, identified himself as a police officer and told him to take his hands out of his pockets.

Ferry refused and kept saying, "You ain't going to like it."

Goodding told Ferry he was under arrest. Davidson took out his Taser, announced the weapon and fired it toward Ferry, who seemed to drop to the ground.

Goodding moved in, at which point Ferry fired a single gunshot from a semi-automatic pistol. Goodding was wearing a bulletproof vest, but the bullet came in under the vest.

An autopsy conducted by Oregon State Medical Examiner Karen Gunson determined Goodding's injuries were immediate and fatal. Medical intervention could not have saved him.

Davidson fired several rounds from his service weapon, according to the investigation, striking Ferry in the hand, arm and buttocks. The shots that struck Ferry appeared less serious at the scene.

Ferry continued to yell at the police officers. He was transferred by ambulance to Columbia Memorial Hospital, where emergency doctors worked on him for about half an hour before pronouncing him dead.

Goodding was transported to Providence Seaside Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A fourth man was at the scene downtown, but has not been identified or charged with any crimes.

"Every piece of evidence, every witness, leads us to the same conclusion — that Phillip Ferry, with a long history of resisting arrests and assault on police officers, was given every opportunity to surrender peacefully to uniformed officers," Marquis said. "He not only refused but made statements that now seem to

indicate that he intended to do worse."

Marquis said he personally reviewed the body camera footage from Goodding and Davidson, the lengthy interview of Davidson and other evidence, leading him to the conclusion that Davidson was justified in shooting Ferry. There will be no grand jury inquiry.

The police officers repeatedly announced themselves, at first used less-than-lethal force, and, at the time Davidson fired, his partner had been gravely wounded and he had the right to be concerned Ferry might continue to fire, according to Marquis.

Davidson's status with Seaside Police is for the department to decide, Marquis said, but the District Attorney's Office has determined Davidson committed no criminal acts and acted in the best traditions of law enforcement.

In any case involving the use of deadly force, regional law enforcement must collaborate in an investigation. Oregon State Police, the lead agency, had investigators attend the autopsies and review and gather evidence.

Once the state police concludes its own full investigation, the 911 calls and some body camera footage may become open to public disclosure, Marquis said. Such disclosure will not happen this week.

A related investigation by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is ongoing into where Ferry, who as a felon was not authorized to have a firearm, got the gun he used to kill Goodding.

Goodding was well known in the Clatsop County law enforcement community.

"His death has hit all of us where we live," Marquis said. "Despite the pain, it was critical that a full and fair investigation of the shooting of Mr. Ferry take place. As to the fundamental issue of justification, I am satisfied that has been met."

"We will not soon forget the kind heart, compassion and dedication of Jason Goodding."

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