Man linked to gun in Goodding shooting

Accused of witness intimidation, drug and firearm crimes

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Investigators worked the scene of an officer-involved shooting in Seaside in February.

Jamie Lee Jones, a former Nevada resident who was living in Seaside this year, was indicted Thursday, March 31, on federal charges in connection with the gun used in the shooting death of Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding.

Authorities allege that a pistol tied to Jones was used by Phillip Max Ferry, who shot and killed Goodding after a struggle in downtown Seaside in February.

Jones, 44, is accused of violently threatening and intimidating witnesses against sharing information with law enforcement.

Jones is being charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, felon in possession of a firearm, two counts of tampering with a witness by physical force or threat and use of a firearm during a crime of violence.

The charges were announced by the U.S. Department of Justice after a

Jamie Lee Jones

two-month, multi-agency investigation into the gun used in Goodding's death.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Leah K. Bolstad.

Jones was in custody in Clatsop County Jail Thursday awaiting arraignment in Portland.

The Clatsop County District Attorney's Office filed similar charges against Jones. District Attorney Josh Marquis said someone can be prosecuted for the same crimes in state and federal court.

Jones has pleaded not guilty to 15 charges in Clatsop County Circuit Court and is scheduled for a status hearing later this month.

Goodding was shot and killed in February while attempting to arrest Ferry on a felony assault warrant.

Ferry, a Seaside man with an extensive criminal history, was shot and killed by another Seaside officer. An investigation found that the police shooting of Ferry was justified.

Airman graduates from basic training

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Air Force Airman Marshall J. Schirman-Ferré

Air Force Airman Marshall J. Schirman-Ferré graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Schirman-Ferré is the son of Darren and Jennifer Gooch of Warrenton. He is a 2015 graduate of Seaside High School.

Sea Star Gelato raises funds for Seaside high choir

Sea Star Gelato held a karaoke night fund raiser for the Seaside High School Choir April 1. The choir is heading to Disneyland to perform in June and needed help with covering the costs. The choir receiving $200 in tips from song requests and in addition, Sea Star Gelato donated $500 of their profits.

Sea Star Gelato owner Margo Nye offers a thank-you to all the kids, teachers and families that supported the choir, and offers to help other groups in their fund-raising efforts as well.

Stranded dolphin: 'There wasn't anything we could do for him'

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A northern right whale dolphin, a species normally found in warmer waters, beached in Seaview, Wash., Sunday night.

Right whale dolphins a rare sight in Oregon

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SEAVIEW, Wash. — A type of dolphin rarely seen in this area died on the beach south of Seaview Sunday evening.

Police received a report of a stranded dolphin that was injured, but still alive, around 8 p.m., Sgt. Tony Leonetti of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife said in an email.

The male northern right whale dolphin "appeared to have a large laceration on its fin and along its side," Leonetti said. Responders attempted to put it back into surf, but the "dolphin appeared to be exhausted and was unable to swim."

Wildlife officers notified marine mammal experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Seaside Aquarium, but no one was immediately available to respond to the animal, and experts believed it was already too late to save him.

"There wasn't anything we could do for him," Tiffany Boothe of the Seaside Aquarium said. Boothe said responders don't know yet if the cut caused the dolphin's death.

"Most likely it was sick. When a cetacean is on the beach, there's usually a reason. Most of the time they're sick," she said.

Boothe is part of the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network, a coalition of scientists and volunteers who help with rescue and recovery of stranded ocean mammals and research the causes of strandings. She and her aquarium colleague Keith Chandler coordinate responses to beached whales, dolphins, sea lions, seals and other marine mammals on the northern Oregon and southern Washington coasts.

Northern right whale dolphins are social animals that often travel in packs of 100 or more members, according to the NOAA website. Worldwide, there are about 68,000 of the animals. They are protected under the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act, and since the 1970s, there have been international efforts to protect this and other dolphin species. However, northern right whale dolphins are still sometimes accidentally caught in gillnets, driftnets and purse seines, and are sometimes deliberately taken in Japan. Northern right whale dolphins inhabit the "deep, cold temperate waters of the north Pacific Ocean" off the coasts of northern Baja California, the West Coast, Alaska, Russia and Japan, according to NOAA. In the U.S., Boothe said, the species tends to concentrate in the waters off the coast of central California.

"It's a very unique animal for us to have in this area. They tend to stay in warmer waters. But there is warm-water current that runs off the Oregon Coast that sometimes gets pushed up north," Boothe said. "That's when you'll see them in our area."

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