

Seaside man gets five years for theft, child porn

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A Seaside man was sentenced to five years in prison Friday for stealing a trailer and filling it with stolen construction equipment while possessing two cellphones filled with multiple images of child pornography.

Frank Benjamin Brelin II, 48, was sentenced in Clatsop County Circuit Court after pleading no contest to four counts of first-degree encouraging child sex abuse and pleading guilty to two counts of first-degree theft.

Seaside Police arrested Brelin in December. He stole a utility trailer in October and went to different homes and job sites to steal ladders, scaffolding and other construction equipment.

The stolen trailer and equipment was valued at more than \$4,000. Most of the materials have been recovered and returned to the various owners.

Police found a cellphone with the stolen items that contained the sexually explicit material. The same images were found on another cellphone that Brelin was carrying with him, according to police.

Brelin collected the illegal images between January and October 2015, according to the indictment.

As part of his sentence, Brelin is required to register as a sex offender.



Frank Benjamin Brelin

Seaside man sentenced for wild police chase

High on drugs, he assaulted deputy's wife

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The Seaside man who was high on methamphetamine and heroin when he led police on a chaotic chase last fall through a Cullaby Lake neighborhood was sentenced Tuesday to more than two years in prison.

Donald Allen Sanders, 35, eluded police, crashed into a yard, broke into a deputy sheriff's home and assaulted the deputy's wife before being arrested.

He pleaded guilty last month to first-degree burglary, fourth-degree assault, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, recklessly endangering another person and driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was sentenced in Clatsop County Circuit Court to 28 months in prison and five years probation. If he violates probation, he would face an additional five years in prison.

"While my intention was not to hurt anybody or put somebody's life at risk, I know I can't take that back," Sanders said. "There is nothing I can do to take it back."



Donald Sanders

The police chase began Oct. 6 when Sanders sped through Seaside traveling at about 70 mph in a 25 mph zone. He headed northbound on U.S. Highway 101, reaching speeds of more than 90 mph.

Sanders then barreled through barricades, went over lawns and drove down walking paths in the Cullaby Lake neighborhood. He caused more than \$1,000 in damage.

At one point, he stopped and tried to steal a Clatsop County Parks Department pickup truck, but the keys were not inside the vehicle so he returned to his 1995 Nissan Maxima.

Sanders crashed near Deputy Steve Johnson's house and ran on foot straight into the home. He was met by Johnson's

wife, Kelly Johnson, and slammed her into the corner of a wall. She suffered injuries to her neck and back.

Deputy Johnson and Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman were able to arrest Sanders. They found tar heroin and a knife in his possession.

When asked why he ran into the house, Sanders told police he was trying to find another set of car keys so he could get away. He said he ran into the deputy's wife and did not mean to hurt her.

"The defendant was extremely high on methamphetamine, rambling about being chased by somebody that wanted to kill him because he stole their drugs," Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown said.

Kelly Johnson, who works for the District Attorney's Office, spoke at the sentencing hearing.

She described enjoying the day with her husband, 3-year-old son and 6-week old daughter before Sanders barged in the house. She remembers having to push her son out of the way so he would not get hurt. Her son still has nightmares and asks if the bad man is coming back.

SEASIDE POLICE LOG

May 22
12:32 p.m., C and D Street and Beach: Police assist other agency engaged in helping a stranded motorist stuck on sand on the beach.

May 23
12:09 a.m., 200 block 1st Avenue: Police assist a tourist who can't remember what hotel he's staying at; he also requests a ride to the hospital.

9:08 a.m., Holladay Drive: An individual comes into the station to register as a sex offender.

6:39 p.m., 16th and Roosevelt: Caller reports rude, trash-throwing kids on bikes. Officers canvassing the area were unable to locate suspects.

9:51 p.m., 1600 block S. Columbia: Caller reports a missing child. Child is located prior to police arrival.

May 24
2:28 a.m., 1000 block S. Downing: Caller reports two dogs living in a vehicle. Police confirm this is true. The information was forwarded to community service officer for follow up.

12:27 p.m., 1200 block S. Wahanna: A successful subpoena service was served to an individual on S. Wahanna without incident.

1:16 p.m., 1600 block Whispering Pines Drive: A code violation was reported at a specific address.

12:18 p.m., 100 block 6th Avenue: Property crimes were committed.

4:33 p.m., 1300 block S. Roosevelt: Officer disposes of a dead cat.

May 25
5:16 a.m., 2000 block S. Roosevelt: Police respond to report of a deceased person.

6:43 p.m., 700 block 11th Avenue: An assault took place.

No further information was provided.

8:26 p.m., 700 block Avenue E: A missing person was reported.

May 26
10:40 a.m., Beach and Avenue I: A transient camping in the dunes is reported to be leaving a mess. Police contact individual and tell him to clean up and move on.

3:02 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports an "aggressive panhandler" at the entrance to Safeway. Police observed the person and spoke with them; said the man was doing nothing wrong, but advised him there had been a complaint.

5:21 p.m., Hemlock Street: Caller reports a cougar is in her yard. Police responding find no animal but suggest it was a dead cat that had been attacked and killed by a coyote. Officer searching the area found no cat, dead or alive, or cougar.

May 27
2:06 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Property crimes were committed.

6:50 p.m., 900 block Beach: Caller reports an individual going around putting notes on vehicles parked on the street in front of a residence saying they are not allowed to park there. Officers made numerous attempts to make contact with whoever is residing in that house but got no response.

12:27 p.m., 2000 block Boehm Acres: Caller reports a man and a woman fighting; officers responding to check said there was no disturbance.

May 28
12:21 a.m., 500 block S. Edgewood: Caller reports loud music coming from a neighboring residence. Officers advise musicians of the complaint.

1:19 a.m., 500 block S. Edgewood: Same caller reports noise coming from the same neighboring residence. Officers advised.

1:55 p.m., Northbound Highway 101: Caller reports an intoxicated female leaving a bar and getting in her car. Officers are unable to locate described vehicle.

4:55 p.m., Beach: Citizen finds a bong on the beach and turns it over to the police.

5:55 p.m., N. Promenade: Caller reports a group of people sitting on the Prom smoking marijuana. Police contact group who are smoking nothing.

May 29
2:16 a.m., Columbia and Avenue A: Police give a courtesy ride back to his hotel to an intoxicated man. He is turned over to a responsible party who agrees to keep him inside for the night.

10:44 a.m., Surfer's Parking: Caller reports a band of people moving wood and loading it into a vehicle. Police talk to the group who say they are just moving a carved piece of wood a little further up the beach.

4:50 p.m., 800 block 14th Avenue: Caller complains about loud music and singing coming from a nearby residence. Caller is offended by the lyrics. The singer is advised.

May 30
12 a.m., 200 block S. Roosevelt: A person who was asked to leave didn't. They changed their mind after police arrived.

7:28 a.m., 1300 block Broadway: Two people arguing loudly and upsetting their neighbors admitted to police they might be a little too loud. They agree to argue more quietly.

7:28 p.m., 1100 block Queen Street: A missing person was reported.

May 31
2:50 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: A hit-and-run motor vehicle accident occurred. No further information was available.

June 1
7:11 a.m., 400 block 14th Street: A missing person is reported.

11:04 a.m., 900 block Broadway: Caller reports adults sitting in their car smoking with a child in a car seat. Officer advises them about the law regarding smoking in a vehicle with children present.

1:01 a.m., 12th and Prom: Caller reports two people who approached him to sell "\$150 worth of crab for \$10," but who left in a hurry when the caller informed them he was a local "not a tourist." Police search the area but are unable to locate the crab seller.

1:28 p.m., Highway 101: Officers respond to a call about someone's former foster mom who is now in a stage of dementia and who wanders the highway mid-mornings. Officer is unable to locate the woman but tells caller they will keep an eye out for her.

3:56 p.m., 800 block S. Holladay: Police respond to a report of a person yelling and screaming

and walking in traffic. Officers contact the subject who stated he was praying and that he was not walking in traffic.

11:51 p.m., 200 block N. Prom: A child reported missing was safely returned to its parents.

June 2
4:19 p.m., 1200 block S. Holladay: Fraudulent activity of a forgery nature was reported.

June 3
1:16 p.m., Third and Holladay: An individual wanted on a warrant arrest was arrested.

2:14 p.m., 700 block Wahanna: A dog bite was reported.

4:37 p.m., S. Holladay: A person came into the police department as a sex offender.

10:58 p.m., Highway 101 and Junction: Caller reported possible road rage incident with vehicle tailgating her and flashing high beams since the junction. Officer conducted traffic stop, where suspect stated complainant was driving 40 mph in a 55 mph zone. Complainant admitted to slowing down when she felt suspect was tailgating her. Both drivers were advised of options for better handling of similar incidents in the future.

June 4
3:22 p.m., Beach: Lifeguards report finding a lost child on the beach. The child had already been reported to police as a missing person. The child's father came to the stand and the two were reunited.

4:10 p.m., Beach: The aroma of marijuana was reported on the beach, location unknown. Police were advised.

4:51 p.m., 200 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports subject smoking marijuana and getting in vehicle with children and driving away. A county wide ATL entered.

6:04 p.m., 300 block Broadway: Caller reports youths smoking marijuana. Police are unable to locate.

8:50 p.m., Tenth Street: Caller reports vehicle parked blocking driveway on private property. Caller states the vehicle belongs to a subject who is restrained from the person living there. Officers ascertain both parties are not at the scene. The blocking car owner is located and is intoxicated. He said he would find a sober person to move the vehicle. The complainant was advised.

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