

Roden receives maximum sentence

Roden gets more than 35 years in prison for death of toddler

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A Seaside man convicted of killing his girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter will spend close to 40 years in prison, the maximum sentence the law allows.

"Mr. Roden, you are a cruel man," Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Paula Brownhill said before reading 28-year old Randy Roden's sentence Monday, Nov. 21. "You have an excellent legal team who has represented you in the best possible light."

But, she added, he was the one taking care of 2-year old Evangelina Wing "when her arm was broken and her mouth ruined and her hair torn out by the roots."

"If you get out of jail and hurt another child, God have mercy on your soul."

In October, after several days of deliberation, a 12-person jury found Roden guilty of murder by abuse, felony murder, manslaughter, crim-



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Defense attorney Conor Huseby, left, comforts client Randy Roden after Roden's sentencing on murder by abuse and other charges Monday.

inal mistreatment and assault in the death of Evangelina Wing in 2014 and the abuse of her two surviving brothers.

For these charges, Judge Brownhill sentenced him to just over 35 years in prison. He is still serving time on a prior coercion conviction, which will add to his overall prison time.

Roden was acquitted of four counts of aggravated murder, serious charges that carried the possibility of the death penalty or life in prison. The jury also found him not guilty of charges of sexual abuse.

Those involved in the investigation and trial say it was one of the worst cases of child abuse in Clatsop County that they had ever seen.



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Evangelina Wing's grandmother, Teresa Thorsen, reacts as she listens to Randy Roden's sentencing on Monday.

Evangelina Wing and her two brothers had multiple injuries, with Eva bearing the most extreme of the injuries. An autopsy determined she died from blunt force trauma.

In a prepared statement she read over the phone, Melissa Smith, Eva's aunt, talked about the photos of Eva's battered body.

"I will never be able to burn these things from my mind," she said. "My family has forever been changed."

Dorothy Wing, Eva's mother, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for first-degree manslaughter and two counts of first-degree criminal mistreatment. She testified against Roden at Roden's trial.

Crash on Highway 26 crash kills two

Two women are dead after a two-vehicle crash on Highway 26 east of Seaside on Saturday, Dec. 3, with speed reported as a possible cause.

A 2006 Chevy Equinox was traveling eastbound on Highway 26 at about 7:30 when it crossed the centerline and struck a 2012 GMC pickup. The driver of the Chevrolet, Anali Aguilar Agona, 21, of Cornelius was pronounced dead at the scene. Her passenger, Marilyn Manriquez Gutierrez, 23, also of Cornelius, was also pronounced dead at the scene.

Speed may be a contributing cause of the accident, State Police said.

The driver of the GMC, Michael J Heuvelhorst, 63, and his passenger, Linda J Heuvelhorst, 69, were treated for non-life threatening injuries. Both are Seaside residents.

In the aftermath, Highway 26 was closed or partially closed for more than five hours.

SEASIDE POLICE LOG

Nov. 18

1:16 a.m., 600 block Broadway: An individual is arrested for breaking a restraining order. No further information was given.

9:44 a.m., N. Columbia: A second degree burglary was committed at a local business. Criminal mischief in the second degree was also involved.

3:15 p.m., 1300 block N. Holladay: Police respond to a report of a possibly suicidal woman; the woman, when police contacted her, said she was only angry with the person she was speaking to on the phone and that she had no wish to hurt herself.

6:44 p.m., N. Holladay: A woman shouting at guests and causing a disturbance at a hotel resulted in a police call. Police say the woman was intoxicated and was not a threat to others. She agreed to leave the hotel on her own.

Nov. 19

9:44 p.m., Highway 101 and Airport Road: Police respond to a report of road rage. When contacted by police, the accused person denies behaving in such a manner.

Nov. 20

10:41 a.m., 100 block Fourth Avenue: Caller reports unknown people gathered on her porch. Police ascertain it is a small group of people helping a neighbor move house.

3:18 p.m., 900 block Second Avenue: Caller reports a couple having an argument outside his door. Police say the disagreement was verbal only.

Nov. 21

3:38 a.m., 1700 block S. Downing: Police respond to a report of a disturbance.

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8:24 a.m., 800 block Avenue M: Caller asks police for assistance; police provide him with options for self care.

9:51 a.m., Seaside Hospital: Assistance finding a missing patient is requested by hospital staff. Police are unable to locate the individual.

10:30 a.m., 1200 block S. Wahanna: Police receive a call from a child who says mommy is not home and no adult is available. Police responding at the residence say there is no problem and the child is fine.

2:00 p.m., Seaside Police Station: An individual comes in to register as a sex offender.

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9:19 p.m., 800 block First Avenue: A man calls the police to check on his wife who he says is suicidal. Police contact the

woman who says she has no plans to self-harm.

Nov. 22

2:56 p.m., 800 block First Avenue: Caller reports abusive name calling by her daughter. Daughter leaves the residence after police intervention, saying she will return at a later time to collect her belongings.

3:29 p.m., Seaside Police Department: A person comes in to register as a sex offender.

4:41 p.m., 1100 block Ocean Vista Drive: An elderly woman found with her vehicle high centered on an embankment in Coos Bay told police she thought she was in Seaside. A fuel receipt from Florence was in her possession. The woman was taken to a local hospital where the staff had her car keys. Seaside police went to the woman's Seaside residence and found the lights off and no car. The Coos Bay police were

advised.

5:52 p.m., 800 block First Avenue: The woman who earlier in the day told police her daughter had been verbally abusive called police again to say the daughter wouldn't leave. She also told police the daughter was "mouthy." The daughter left the residence before police arrival. No further action was taken.

Nov. 23

12:55 a.m., 1000 block S. Columbia: Police respond to a report of a disturbance over a man using illicit drugs. The parties are contacted; the man agrees to settle down for the night. No crimes were committed.

1:34 p.m., Sunset Pool: A panic alarm went off after an employee of the pool tested the alarm. Police on arrival instruct how to test the alarm in future without setting off a police response.

6:11 p.m., 2100 block Lewis and Clark Road: A burglary was reported.

Nov. 24

5:14 a.m., 1700 Spruce Drive: A person reported to be standing outside, screaming, told police they were excited it was Thanksgiving. They were advised to go back inside the house.

3:58 p.m., The Prom: Police are notified of an out of control child. Officers made contact and the child was calmed down.

11:38 p.m., N. Wahanna: Caller reports a suspicious man in the area; police determine he is visiting a relative at a facility and was waiting for other family members to come out.

Nov. 25

12:07 p.m., North King Street: A level one burglary was committed. No further information was given.

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- Best Asian Food _____
- Best Bakery _____
- Best Bar _____
- Best Barista _____
- Best Bartender _____
- Best Breakfast Spot _____
- Best Brewpub _____
- Best Burger _____
- Best Catering _____
- Best Chef _____
- Best Clam Chowder _____
- Best Coffee _____
- Best Dessert _____
- Best Fine Dining _____
- Best Fish & Chips _____
- Best Happy Hour _____
- Best Lunch Spot _____
- Best Mexican Food _____
- Best Pizza _____
- Best Restaurant for Kids _____
- Best Server _____
- Best Wine Shop _____

ACTIVITIES

- Best Birdwatching Site _____
- Best Cheap Date _____
- Best Farmers Market _____
- Best Golf Course _____
- Best Hiking Trail _____
- Best Local Festival _____
- Best Local Sports Team _____

- Best Museum _____
- Best Music Venue _____
- Best Neighborhood Park _____
- Best Place for a Walk _____
- Best Tourist Attraction _____

BUSINESSES

- Best Antique Store _____
- Best Art Gallery _____
- Best Automotive Shop _____
- Best Barber Shop/Hair Salon _____
- Best Bookstore _____
- Best Car Dealership _____
- Best Customer Service _____
- Best Dance Studio _____
- Best Day Spa _____
- Best Florist _____
- Best Garden Center _____
- Best Gift Shop _____
- Best Grocery Store _____
- Best Gym _____
- Best Home Improvement Store _____
- Best Hotel _____
- Best Live Theater _____
- Best Radio Station _____
- Best Real Estate Business _____
- Best Seafood Market _____
- Best Tech/Computer Repair _____
- Best Thrift Shop _____
- Best Yoga _____

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