

# State Senate approves audio recording grand jury proceedings

## Oregon one of two states to use notes

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SALEM — The state Senate voted 21-7 Tuesday to require audio recordings of grand jury proceedings.

The bill modernizes the state's more than 150-year-old handwritten record-keeping process by requiring county district attorneys to electronically audio record grand jury proceedings and maintain and store copies of the recordings.

"This bill will bring our jus-

ty system into the 21st century, but it's about more than that," said state Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, who has spearheaded similar legislation for several years. "We're working on Independence Day right now. July Fourth is a beautiful day, and it's about freedom and liberty. We have a chance to ensure liberty, justice for all and an opportunity to ensure our criminal justice system remains above all reproach."

The bill heads for a vote in the House later this week.

The requirement will be gradually phased in for the state's 36 counties. The mandate triggers in March for Multnomah, Deschutes and

Jackson counties, all of which have populations of 150,000 or greater. The state's other 33 counties will have to start the recordings by July 2019.

The bill provides about \$10 million for the cost of purchasing electronic recording devices and hiring staff to manage the recordings in the three counties. The Legislative Fiscal Office has noted that there could be significant costs to the state in the 2019-2021 budget as the remaining 33 counties begin the recordings.

The prosecutor must provide a copy or transcript of the recording to the defense attorney within 10 days after a defendant is arraigned on an indictment. The defense

attorney is prohibited from sharing the actual copy of the recording with the defendant and may not disclose personal identifying information about the victim, witnesses or grand jurors to the defendant. The recordings are otherwise confidential.

Prosecutors also may request a protection order from the court to redact certain information they believe could put a victim or witness in danger.

Oregon and Louisiana are the only two states in the nation that still rely on handwritten juror notes, rather than audio recordings, as documentation of testimony in front of grand juries.

# Pumping it up



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A Seaside Fire Department pumper on Lewis and Clark Road during a firefighting drill.

## POLICE LOG

### June 16

**8:06 a.m.**, 1500 block Lea Way: An assault in the fourth degree was reported.

**9:12 a.m.**, 1500 block Lea Way: An arrest is made regarding the earlier assault at this location. The party is charged with assault and failure to register as a sex offender.

**11:54 a.m.**, 2400 block S. Roosevelt: A person transported to the hospital believed to be in a diabetic coma state turned out to be intoxicated.

**1:04 p.m.** Seaside police station: A person came in to register as a sex offender.

### June 17

**12:26 p.m.**, 400 block S. Roosevelt Drive: Panhandlers reported in the area disperse before police arrive.

**3:42 p.m.**, 1100 S. Downing: A missing person is reported.

**3:53 p.m.**, 3200 Bayview Terrace: Parents seeking information how to trespass their child who comes inside and breaks things in the residence are advised it is not possible to

trespass a juvenile who resides in the home.

**4:42 p.m.**, Downing Street: Callers complain about a man with a megaphone driving up and down the street warning of a tsunami. Police are unable to locate.

### June 18

**10:57 a.m.**, S. Franklin: Caller reports a man and a woman using the same stall in a public restroom. Officers contact the couple who say they are homeless and "just washing up."

### June 19

**10:00 a.m.**, 1500 block S. Roosevelt: A man complaining of chest pain after being lunged and barked at by a dog was transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital by Medix.

**10:32 a.m.**, Avenue K: A caller complained about a trespasser who had come into the yard and defecated. Officer made contact with the subject and informed them of the complaint.

**10:49 a.m.**, First Avenue: A man was taken into police custody on a PC affidavit.

### June 20

**10:50 a.m.**, 700 block S. Edgewood: Anonymous caller reports neighbor feeding birds and leaving trash all over the yard.

**7:18 p.m.**, 1300 block N. Holladay: Caller reports someone videotaping and yelling at neighbors, saying he "hopes they OD."

**10:28 p.m.**, N. Prom: Caller reports man sleeping in his car. The man is advised he can't sleep in his car, or drive it either, as he has no valid license.

### June 21

**1:00 a.m.** Lea Way: Caller says his vehicle has been stolen; he said it was taken by his ex-wife. He is informed this is a civil matter.

**1:39 p.m.**, 300 block Broadway: Police are called when a shopkeeper believes he's been given a fake \$100 bill. Police say the bill is real.

**8:13 p.m.**, N. Wahanna: A person is arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

### June 22

**4:46 a.m.**, 900 block S. Holladay: A case of child neglect was reported in the second degree.

**9:57 a.m.**, Quatat Park Docks: Police respond to a report of a kid or kids trying to kill pigeons with rocks. Before police arrived, the kids were scared off by a citizen.

**2:45 p.m.**, Highway 101 and McDonald's: Police respond to a report of people doing drugs in the restroom. The parties were trespassed and the male was arrested on a warrant.

### June 23

**9:23 a.m., Avenue U: A missing person is reported.**

**10:13 p.m.**, Franklin and Avenue G: Caller reports a person urinating in the street. The police contact the subject and arrest him for disorderly conduct and also send him to non-criminal detox.

**11:56 p.m.**, 1100 block Broadway: Subjects reported for sleeping in bushes are contacted by police who arrest one of the individuals on a detainer warrant.

### June 24

**2:13 p.m.**, Beach Tower: A child reported missing was subsequently located safe and sound.

**6:30 p.m.**, Fultano's pizza location on Broadway: Caller reports someone shouting profanities out their window. Police contact subject who claims he was shouting religious statements. No crime was committed.

**8:20 p.m.**, 500 block Avenue A: A person was arrested and charged with interfering with a police officer. The person was additionally charged with a second offense of resisting arrest, and a third offense of assaulting a public safety officer.

### June 25

**10:59 p.m.**, Quatat Restroom: Property crimes were reported.

### June 26

**10:14 a.m.**, Seaside police station: A sex offender comes in to register.

**12:22 p.m.**, Seaside police station: Another registered sex offender comes in to register.

**1:20 p.m.**, 700 block S. Edgewood: A caller complains about a neighbor violating a local ordinance against feeding wild birds. Police contact the neighbor who denies feeding the birds, blaming her daughter.

**3:27 p.m.**, 2500 block Millcreek Lane: A caller reports to police that a neighbor has stolen a bench from her property. The bench is returned prior to police arrival.

**4:21 p.m.**, 600 block Broadway: Police respond to a report of a man sitting in his car with the engine running for over an hour. The man says he fell asleep waiting for his family to finish their shopping.

### June 27

**4:27 p.m.**, 400 block S. Roosevelt: Police assist Medix with a disoriented person.

**10:35 p.m.**, 2300 block S. Roosevelt: A structure fire was reported.

### June 28

**5:42 p.m.**, 700 block S. Holladay: A burglary in the first degree is reported.



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