

# Former Seaside Heights custodian sentenced to 25 years for sex abuse

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A former Seaside Heights custodian pleaded guilty Friday, April 27, and was sentenced to 25 years in prison for molesting a girl under 8 years old on several occasions.

Keith Davis, 46, was arrested in January. He was charged with 25 alleged sex crimes against the girl. He

pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree sodomy and agreed to serve three concurrent sentences of 25 years as part of a plea deal with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office.

Seaside police said after the former custodian's arrest



Keith Davis

that they do not believe he was using his position with the school to gain access to the victim in the case.

The parents reported the incidents to police after the girl came forward, Deputy District Attorney Dawn Buzzard said. In a recorded phone call before the arrest and with police present, Davis admitted to committing the crimes.

"You usually aren't able to get through it this fast," Buzzard said of sex crimes cases.

The girl's mother read an impact statement at the sentencing hearing. During the statement, she stressed the importance of her family throughout the ordeal, as well as the support from friends in Seaside.

"They're a pretty amazing family," Buzzard said. "When this thing happens, this family is probably the best thing the victim could have."

# Candlelight service set to honor fallen officers

A candlelight service paying tribute to the 129 national law enforcement deaths in 2017 will help usher in National Police Week on Sunday, May 13, at Broadway Park in Seaside. The one-hour public ceremony will begin at 8 p.m. and include a name-by-name reading of all who lost their lives during the 2017 calendar year.

Four fallen officers from Clatsop County will also be recognized during the event. They include Seaside Sergeant Jason M. Gooding, Clatsop County Sheriff Almond L. Eastman, Warrenton Police Reserve Robert B. McMaster, and Oregon State Police Sergeant James D. Shepperd.

National Police Week dates back to 1962 when President John F. Kennedy signed a public law that declared May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. The annual tribute to law enforcement service and sacrifice in-



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Jason Gooding

cludes ceremonies throughout the week in Washington, D.C.

The 129 national deaths in 2017 followed a year in which 159 lives were lost, including Sgt. Gooding from the Seaside Police Department. Records dating back to 1791 detail 21,541 peace officers that have lost their lives while serving communities throughout the United States. The 183 who have died while serving in the state of Oregon are recognized each May at the Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial in Salem.

# Gearhart fire department fundraiser on May 26

Gearhart's 57th annual volunteer fire department fundraiser takes place Saturday, May 26, from 8 p.m. to midnight. This year's fundraiser is in conjunction with the 100-year birthday celebration of the city of Gearhart. Along with

games, entertainment and refreshments, the event will offer a silent auction, signature champagne beverage and clothing celebrating the event.

All funds go to fire department programs and benefit the service provided

to the community. These include the smoke detector program, safety and tsunami brochures, fire prevention and public education programs and firefighter safety and education programs.

The department is at-

tempting to complete replacement of aging self-contained breathing apparatus, with funding a priority for the department and safety of firefighters.

Visit gearhartfire.com for prevent, home fire safety and other links.

## POLICE LOG

### April 20

**2:46 a.m.**, N. Columbia: A disturbance was reported.

**2:12 p.m.**, 400 block First Avenue: Caller reports subject "rolling his wheelchair on purpose into traffic." Officers are unable to locate.

**4:15 p.m.**, Ecola Park: Seaside police assist with a medical call.

**6:05 p.m.**, 1900 block Huckleberry: Neighbor complains about another neighbor's dog who keeps coming through the fence. Officer secured the fence and returned the dog to its own property. Dog control officer will follow up on the matter.

**7:11 p.m.**, 800 block 14th Avenue: A person is arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, hit and run property damage, and reckless driving.

### April 21

**12:24 p.m.**, Beach swings: Caller finds a 4-year-old seemingly alone; parents are reunited with the child before police arrival.

**3:58 p.m.**, 2400 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports intoxicated person about to drive their car; police locate subject at another establishment and warn them if they drive, they will be arrested.

**8:55 p.m.**, Seaside Golf Course: A disturbance and verbal dispute is reported.

**11:36 p.m.**, Broadway: A person is arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

### April 22

**1:25 a.m.**, Avenue E and The Prom: Police and the fire department extinguish a bonfire in the dunes.

**3:41 a.m.**, 700 block S. Wahanna: Caller reports three intoxicated subjects at the hospital. Police locate subjects; two of them were waiting for a third person who receiving medical treatment. They were not driving; a taxi brought them all to the hospital.

**1:43 p.m.**, Seaside movie theatre: Police respond to a report of a bonfire in the parking area. Upon arrival, they find a person barbecuing outside their vehicle. No crimes were in evidence.

**7:33 p.m.**, 500 block Beach Drive: An assault in the fourth degree is reported.

**7:39 p.m.**, 800 block 26th Street: A dog bite is reported.

### April 24

**12:12 a.m.**, Chamber restrooms: Subjects are warned

for unlawful lodging.

**6:02 a.m.**, N. Holladay and Third: Police respond to a report of a person sleeping in their car. The occupant of the car is contacted; he says he's not sleeping and that he has a room.

**7:19 a.m.**, Broadway Park: A person sleeping under a table in the park is warned of unlawful lodging. He agreed to move on.

**8:23 p.m.**, Avenue U and the Beach: Police assist a tourist who needed help locating their car.

### April 25

**1:46 p.m.**, 400 block Fairway

Court: Caller reports people camping on private property. Officer made contact and advised the campers they were on private property. They agreed to leave.

**5:49 p.m.**, Avenue K and Columbia: Caller reports subject in a vehicle taking pictures of a young girl. Officer located the described vehicle at an apartment complex, but the vehicle was unoccupied. Police advise they will continue to look for the subject.

**7:24 p.m.**, Holladay Drive: A subject is arrested and charged with resisting arrest and harassment.

**8:52 p.m.**, 800 block S. Roosevelt: An assault was reported.

### April 26

**5:39 a.m.**, 2200 block N. Wahanna: A person was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked or suspended license.

**11:26 a.m.**, 400 block S. Roosevelt: A person who came into the police station to report a situation of harassment was advised of options.

**3:12 p.m.**, 1200 block Broadway: An assault was reported.

**4:50 p.m.**, 1200 block S. Wahanna: A 3-year-old child accidentally locked inside an apartment was reunited with its parent with the help of the fire department.

# READER SURVEY

We'd appreciate your feedback in telling us how to better serve our community. Mail or drop off your survey by **May 25** to: **Seaside Signal, 1555 N. Roosevelt, Seaside, OR 97138**, or you can respond online at **seasidesignal.com** under the Signal tab and Reader Survey link. Thanks for your help!



### How do you primarily read the Signal?

- a) In print
- b) Online

### Where do you pick up the Signal?

- a) In my Daily Astorian subscription
- b) At a store or drop-off location
- c) At work
- d) Shared by family or friend

### What's the first thing you read in the paper?

- a) News
- b) Sports
- c) Editorial page
- d) Features/profiles
- e) Ads/classified
- f) Other \_\_\_\_\_

### The Signal's sports coverage

- a) Is just about the right amount
- b) Needs more
- c) Too much

### If you answered sports "needs more," what categories would you like to see:

- a) Outdoor sports, i.e., hunting, fishing, hiking, surfing, golf
- b) Local adult and children's teams and leagues
- c) More school sports
- d) Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Do you use the calendar and event listings to plan your schedule?

- a) Yes
- b) No

### Do you think the Signal should do more to appeal to visitors?

- a) Yes
- b) No

### If you answered yes, in what way?

### What improvements would you recommend we make to the Signal?

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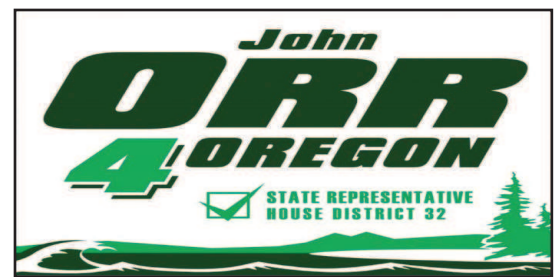


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