

One killed in head-on collision on U.S. Highway 101 near Gearhart



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Seaside Signal

One person was killed and two were injured in a head-on collision that closed U.S. Highway 101 near Gearhart Tuesday, May 29.

At about 5:30 p.m., the driver of a white SUV died after crossing the centerline around milepost 15 and colliding into a black pickup truck traveling northbound, Oregon State Police Sgt. Andrew Merila said.

The driver and the passenger in the black truck were sent to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria for minor injuries.

The names of those involved will be released after families are notified, Merila said.

The crash occurred about 4 miles north of Gearhart.

The highway will remain closed for the next few hours as officials clean up and investigate the scene. Drivers are encouraged to take a detour through Dellmoor Loop.



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Justin Gagnon is sworn in by Chief Dave Ham. Gagnon's wife Shelby looks on.

Seaside's Justin Gagnon graduates police class

Among graduating officers of the 378th Basic Police Class is Justin Gagnon of Seaside. The 16-week class includes dozens of training areas including survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse, drug

recognition and dozens of other subjects.

Gagnon was sworn in as a Seaside police officer by Chief Dave Ham in January.

Graduation takes place at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, on Friday, June 8, at 11 a.m. with a reception immediately following the graduation.

Man pleads not guilty to child porn charges

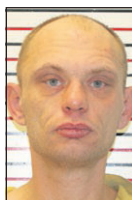
Pickering, 34, allegedly possessed 18 photos

The Daily Astorian

A Seaside man has been accused of possessing 18 im-

ages of child pornography.

Joshua Allen Pickering, 34, was arrested earlier this year, and more charges were added to his indictment this week. He pleaded not guilty



Joshua A. Pickering

Thursday, May 31, to 18 counts of first-degree encouraging child sex abuse and one count of felon in possession of a firearm.

Authorities believe Pickering came into possession of the photos between January 2016 and January 2018.

Pickering's criminal history includes several arrests for

sex crimes and assaults. Since his arrest, he underwent a psychological evaluation. Kirk Wintermute, his court-appointed attorney at the time, claimed in a motion that he has had suicidal thoughts, paranoia and hallucinations.

Bail has been set at \$500,000. A trial has been scheduled for November.

POLICE LOG

May 20

12:42 a.m., 1000 block S. Downing: A person reported sleeping in his vehicle returned to his residence for the night.

2:05 a.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: A pair of subjects reported arguing then got into a car and fled the area. Police interviewed witnesses and determined there was no further action to be taken.

5:56 a.m., Ash Street: Seaside police assist Cannon Beach police with a domestic violence call.

8:12 a.m., 3000 block Sunset: A woman observed drinking alcohol on the beach was advised not to operate her vehicle.

8:39 a.m., S. Wahanna: A beaver out of its habitat was assisted back to the water.

9:14 a.m., Highway 101 and Avenue U: Caller reports a dead cat on the side of the road. No known owner of the animal.

1:59 p.m., 700 block Avenue C: A person is arrested and charged with disorderly conduct; harassment; and assault in the fourth degree.

4:44 p.m., Avenue A: Caller reports "a couple of tweakers" in an argument. Police responding 15 minutes later found no one of that description.

May 21

8:02 p.m., 1300 block Eleventh Avenue: Resident reports youths breaking through her fence to play in a nearby yard. She did not wish to press charges, but wanted the children and their families spoken to. Officer spoke with multiple neighbors; everyone agreed to respect the caller's fence and yard.

May 22

2:21 a.m., 400 block Eighth Avenue: An unwanted woman who claimed to be looking for her boyfriend was told not to return to the property.

3:08 a.m., Avenue C and Edgewood: Caller reports dog barking in a car; police responding find a female sleeping in the bed of the vehicle; the dog was inside the cab. The dog had food and water. The female was warned of unlawful lodging.

12:59 p.m., 1000 block S. Downing: Caller said neighbor wanted to fight him after caller complained about the man stomping on the stairs. Police spoke to both parties and warned of disorderly conduct.

3:22 p.m., 2400 block Sunset: Caller reports female "tweeking" as she entered a house under construction. Caller says this is the second time. Police locate the subject in The Cove and trespass her from the construction site property.

May 23

10:33 a.m., Avenue G: A burglary in the second degree is reported.

May 24

2:37 a.m., N. Prom: Theft in the second degree is reported.

7:45 a.m., Semaphore and 16th Avenue: Caller reports subject sleeping on the beach; subject has a wheelbarrow and items to build a fort. Officers speak with second subject, a female, and advise her of the no camping ordinance.

9:23 a.m., 200 block S. Holladay: A liquor violation is reported.

11:02 a.m., Avenue G: Caller reports female crawling under

the bridge and then sitting on the road. Police make contact; the woman says while she was walking home from work, the strap on her purse broke. She is offered a courtesy ride home.

3:39 p.m., N. Prom: Caller reports a person wielding a machete in the Shilo parking lot. Officers responding are unable to locate.

May 25

8:57 p.m., 500 block Broadway: A child who jumped off the bridge into the river on a dare was advised by police afterwards about the city ordinance against such behavior. Police would be talking to the parents.

9:18 p.m., First Avenue: A person is charged with resisting arrest and attempting to interfere with a police officer.

May 26

12:35 a.m., First and Prom: Police respond to a report of up to seven people engaged in a physical fight. All parties are gone on police arrival; police speaking to people in the area say they saw no fight.

12:56 p.m., Holladay Drive: A person is arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

3:52 p.m., N. Prom: A group of reported protesters on private property are advised by police they must do their protesting off private property and not block the walk way.

6:29 p.m., Mill Creek Apartments: A person is reported missing.

7:54 p.m., Broadway and Columbia: An assault is reported.

8:16 p.m., 17th and Roosevelt: A person is arrested and

Local company fined for stormwater runoff violation

A local company that failed to deliver monitoring reports was fined more than \$10,000.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality fined Road Builders Inc. \$10,227 for failing to monitor stormwater runoff for pollutants at the Humbug Quarry in Seaside. The quarry is located at 37222 Linda Lane.

The company's stormwater permit requires monitoring of stormwater runoff at the quarry for potential pollutants four times per year. The company must submit those results to the

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries on an annual basis. The company has had a permit since 2013 and hasn't submitted the required reports, according to the DEQ.

Monitoring is considered an important condition of the stormwater permit because it may reveal the presence of harmful pollutants in stormwater that pose a threat to local waterways. Without sampling results, state officials, agency partners and the public are unable to confirm whether the facility is complying with the pollution controls in its permit.



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