

Family of Dean Case seeks review of shooting death

Man shot outside his home remembered in Seaside

By Brenna Visser
Seaside Signal

The staff at Gorilla Gas was sick of the silence.

In late July, their co-worker, Cashus Dean Case — known as “Deano” — was shot and killed by police outside his home at Seaside RV Park after allegedly refusing an order to drop two black powder pistols.

After the shock of the shooting wore off, gas station manager Jesse Jones was beginning to think the community had forgotten about his friend.

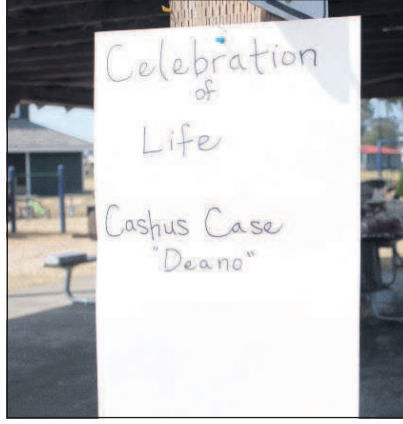
“It just got quiet all of a sudden. The only reminder in town is our rest-in-peace sign,” he said. “We wanted to

make a day for Deano.”

To keep his memory alive, about 20 people held an informal celebration of life for Case on Thursday afternoon at Broadway Park. Some who attended, like Stephanie Babb, of Eugene, didn’t know Case personally but came to support the family as someone who also lost a relative to a police shooting.

“It’s hard when someone you love gets shot by police, because the first thing people ask is, ‘What did he do wrong?’” Babb said. “I just wanted the family to know there are other families feeling what they’re feeling, and they have a right to feel outraged and sad.”

In the background, the ra-



BRENNNA VISSER/SEASIDE SIGNAL

A sign marks the celebration of life for Cashus Dean Case, who was killed last month in Seaside.

dio station 93.3 FM boomed — a nod to Case’s habit of blaring rock ‘n’ roll music at the gas station during his shift. Around a barbecue, friends remembered a man who worked hard, and “would

give the shirt off his back,” to help anyone he thought needed it.

They remembered his love for his green motorcycle, which always had a stuffed Gorilla on the back to show

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Jesse Jones
Gorilla Gas station manager

his company pride, and his extreme attention to detail when it came to making sure the store was spotless.

“I’m the manager, and he was probably there more than I was,” Jones laughed.

Now, the gas station is quiet.

“It went from alive to feeling stale. (Gorilla Gas) has lost a lot of energy,” said Katie Kirtley, who owns the gas station. “He brought a lot of drive to make it better.”

Case was scheduled to work the day he died. Jones and Kirtley remember hearing rumors of a shooting at the RV park where he lived, hoping it wasn’t their friend. After calling him repeatedly to no avail, Kirtley headed to the Seaside Police Department, where she was notified of Case’s death.

It was disorienting for both Jones and Kirtley — who

knew Case as a bombastic but ultimately sensitive and kind man — to imagine him dying this way.

“We’re all just so confused. We don’t know why this happened,” Jones said. “That’s what is killing me. Justified (shooting) or not, that’s what is getting us — the not knowing. Could something have gone differently?”

The shooting, which occurred after Case helped a man injured in a dog attack, remains under investigation.

Case’s father, Ken Case Sr., said nothing will take away the pain he feels from losing his son.

But getting some answers would help.

“All I want is justice,” he said. “If that happens, I walk. But if I don’t get justice, and this isn’t done fairly, I won’t be quiet.”

Van and trailer submerged near Gearhart

Vehicle was halfway submerged by the time tow trucks arrived

The Daily Astorian

A van and travel trailer got stuck in the surf near the Del Ray Beach access in Gearhart on Aug. 22. The owner of the vehicle did contact several tow companies to remove the vehicle, however one was not able to arrive until the vehicle was halfway submerged in the ocean. On Aug. 24, members from Sons of Beaches 4x4 club along with Ben Olsen and Clean Sweep Excavation were able to remove the van.



A van and trailer got stuck in the surf around 4:30 a.m. Aug. 22 near Gearhart.

Seaside dispatchers graduate academy

The Daily Astorian

Two of Oregon’s 24 new dispatchers will work in Seaside.

The Oregon Public Safety Academy held a graduation ceremony in Salem for its 110th Basic Telecommunications Class. Dispatchers Xin Chen and Brittany Nelson of the Seaside Police Department are listed

as two of the graduates.

The two-week class teaches emergency call handling techniques, stress management, civil liability, ethics, criminal law and an overview of fire-rescue and law enforcement operations.

Chen and Nelson will spend a number of months learning from a field training officer.

POLICE LOG

Aug. 10
12:33 p.m., Prom and Shilo: Police assist fire department with a BBQ explosion.

3:55 p.m., Holladay and Avenue G: A person is arrested for possession of methamphetamine; an outstanding warrant; and interfering with a police officer.

4:12 p.m., Avenue A: An assault is reported.

6:15 p.m., Police headquarters: A person comes in to register as a sex offender.

Aug. 11
2:41 a.m., 12th and Franklin: A person is arrested and charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant; reckless driving; and motor vehicle hit and run, resulting in property damage.

12:29 p.m., Broadway: A boy approached a police officer to say he lost his mom. Shortly afterwards, mother and son were reunited.

2:51 p.m., 300 block S. Holladay: Caller reports two dogs in a truck with no water; the windows were cracked. One of the dogs was yelping. Both dogs were gone from the truck when police responded.

5:07 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports a subject abusing their dog in a store. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate.

Aug. 12
1:23 a.m., 800 block Necanicum: An assault in the fourth degree is reported. The assailant was taken into police custody and also charged with disorderly conduct in the second degree.

4:14 a.m., Turnaround and Ocean Shore: Criminal mischief in the third degree is reported.

8:53 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: Officers respond to a report of possible drug use. Upon arrival, no drugs are located, but the group is warned to clean up their mess.

Aug. 13
1:26 a.m., Avenue A: Police respond to a report of a man screaming on the top level of a parking lot. The man said he’d been using meth and marijuana and said he was having a panic attack. He refused medical treatment and was

given a courtesy ride home. He was also trespassed from the property for 30 days.

7:00 p.m., Beach and Semaphore: An elderly man reported missing on the beach was located prior to police arrival.

Aug. 14
2:09 p.m., 200 block N. Holladay: Police assist Cannon Beach police with a subject needing transport to Seaside Providence Hospital. The subject was combative and verbally abusive when police attempted to remove him from his residence; he was finally put in handcuffs and taken to the hospital where he suddenly became very cooperative.

3:05 p.m., 500 block S. Downing: Caller reports his long board was stolen off the front deck of his bungalow. No suspects are known. Police say the case has been suspended.

5:05 p.m., S. Wahanna: A man with his pants around his ankles is told to pull them up and keep them up.

Aug. 15
12:46 p.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: A person is arrested and charged for possession of heroin.

6:49 a.m., 300 block S. Wahanna: A person is arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, trespassing, and resisting arrest.

7:47 a.m., The Cove: Police respond to a report of an airstream taking up 7 parking spots and a mobile home parked over rocks and on the curb. Subjects are advised of the complaint and warned of illegal overnight camping; they agree to move along.

Aug. 16
12:21 a.m., 2100 block Lewis and Clark Rd.: A person is charged with initiating a false police report.

2:10 a.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: A person arrested on a warrant is also charged with interfering with a police officer.

6:07 a.m., Avenue I and the Prom: A family sleeping in their car that caught the attention of police because of obstructed plates was warned against unlawful lodging and asked to move along.

10:07 a.m., 1100 block N.

Roosevelt: Burglary and theft are reported.

Aug. 17
10:38 a.m., Wahanna: A needle found in the church parking lot was disposed of by police.

12:21 p.m., 700 block S. Columbia: Burglary and theft are reported.

10:48 p.m., Dutch Brothers: A deceased person is reported.

Aug. 18
1:54 a.m., 700 block S. Wahanna: A person is arrested for possession of methamphetamine and criminal trespass.

2:44 p.m., Avenue G Bridge: A person reported as being under the bridge was actually beside it. Officer cleared.

Aug. 19
10:45 a.m., 2400 block Ocean Vista: A street preacher using an amplified speaker is warned of code violations and also blocking the sidewalk.

22:50 p.m., The Cove: A found wallet is turned in to police.

Aug. 20
12:28 p.m., 2500 block Mill Creek Lane: Police take a report of suspicious circumstances believed to have occurred on Aug. 18 in the vicinity of the Clatsop Shores apartments.

9:50 p.m., Oceanway restrooms: Graffiti is reported.

9:59 p.m., 1100 block Marion

Avenue, Gearhart: Police assist Gearhart police with a verbal disturbance.

Aug. 21
8:57 a.m., Rite Aid parking lot: Two male subjects smoking marijuana are cited for public use of marijuana and trespassing indefinitely from the area.

12:33 p.m., Safeway: A man dressed all in black who had been trespassed was reported for returning to the property. Police were unable to locate him in the area.

9:47 p.m., Broadway School: Subjects reported on the school roof got down when police arrived; they were warned for criminal trespass.

Aug. 22
11:40 p.m., Broadway: Police assist a citizen in getting a cab to take her home.

Aug. 23
8:21 a.m., Avenue U: A woman told police she’d argued with her boyfriend in the Cove. She admitted to breaking his sunglasses. She said she left before “things got worse.” She expressed concern the boyfriend had notified police exaggerating the situation and was told he had not. As she said she had no funds, she was advised to get a gas voucher to get back to Portland. Police attempted to locate the boyfriend with no success.

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