

DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S FINDINGS

Fatal Seaside police shooting was justified

Case was shot and killed in July

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A Seaside police corporal was justified when he shot and killed an armed man seconds after an encounter at an RV park in July, an investigation has concluded.

Cpl. David Davidson fired three shots from an AR-15 rifle into the chest of Cashus Dean Case, 44, at the Seasider RV Park.

A woman had called the Seaside Police Department to report that Case, a felon, had a gun and was threatening to shoot her dogs after a mauling an hour earlier.

Case, shirtless and in jeans, had two unloaded black powder pistols in holsters and was having a conversation with another man when Davidson and another police officer arrived.

Investigators say Case quickly removed one of the pis-



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An image from Seaside Police Officer Jess Vaughan’s body camera. Cpl. David Davidson is at right. Carl Brian Hussey, a bystander to the shooting, is next to Davidson in the white shirt. Cashus Dean Case is on the ground behind the motorcycle on the left.

tols from a holster in his waistband while yelling he was going to kill.

“Hey! Drop it now! Drop it now!” Davidson ordered, pulling the trigger two seconds into the command.

“While Cpl. Davidson’s

response was indeed fast, the known threat that existed at that moment was that there was a felon in the park, waving guns around and threatening to ‘kill,’ while in close proximity to others,” Clatsop County Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron

Brown wrote in a report.

The district attorney’s office concluded Davidson used reasonable deadly force and that the use of force was justifiable and not criminal. Case’s death was ruled a justifiable homicide.

Along with the conclusion,

Dog attack

More than an hour before the shooting on the afternoon of July 24, Seaside Police Officer Jess Vaughan responded to an incident at the RV park in which a man was mauled by a dog.

As Rick Derby angrily left a trailer after a dispute, he pushed a door open, which hit a nearby dog, according to police reports. Derby then allegedly kicked a water bowl that also hit the dog before kicking the animal itself.

The dog bit Derby’s leg after it was kicked, causing him to fall to the ground.

While Derby was on the ground, Case busted through a nearby fence just before the dog bit into Derby’s face. Case pulled Derby off the ground and guided him to safety.

Some residents said Case’s actions escalated the situation, while Derby said Case saved his life.

Derby was taken to Providence Seaside Hospital by one of the RV park tenants and flown to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland.

POLICE LOG

- Oct. 6**
2:31 a.m., Quatat Park: An intoxicated person reported in the park told police they would leave in the morning.

5:12 a.m., Avenue M and S. Roosevelt: A person reported as driving intoxicated was not intoxicated; they told police they were looking for an open gas station.

Oct. 7
5:54 p.m., 1800 block Huckleberry: A person is arrested and charged with being in violation of a stalking order.

Oct. 8
1:15 a.m., 17th Avenue and Holladay: A person is arrested and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

6:18 a.m., Outlet Center: Three vending machines are reported damaged/vandalized overnight.

10:02 a.m., 18th Avenue and N. Franklin: A person who dug a large hole for themselves to stay in was advised to fill in the hole.

Oct. 9
1:25 p.m., Hillside Loop: Police respond to a neighbor to neighbor situation. Complainant said their neighbor drives by their residence slowly, taking pictures.
- The reporting party also said they received an ominous letter in the mail they believe came from the neighbor. A report is made.

Oct. 10
3:31 p.m., 1400 block S. Roosevelt: Police respond to a report of a dog running at large. On arrival, they see a black Chihuahua who was herded back to its home.

Oct. 11
10:54 a.m., 2600 block Highway 101: Harassing phone calls reported.

11:22 p.m., 1300 block Second Avenue: A dog bite is reported.
- Oct. 12**
10:08 p.m., Avenue S: A dog bite is reported.

11:05 p.m., 12th Avenue: A person is arrested and charged with criminal mischief in the third degree and interfering with a police officer. The subject is also transported to detox.

Oct. 13
8:01 p.m., Fourth Avenue: Caller reports adults dressed in furry animals costumes burning pallets on the beach. Contact was made with a responsible party and warned about burning pallets. No furies were located.

OBITUARIES

Jeffery Thomas Gallinger
Seaside
Nov. 11, 1953 — Oct. 21, 2018

Born Nov. 11, 1953, in Portland, Oregon, Jeffery Thomas Gallinger attended Holy Family Grade School in Southeast Portland, where he skipped fifth grade. He attended De La Salle North Catholic High School and graduated in 1971, at the age of 17.

After high school, he started with Simson Concrete and then worked for Pepsi Bottling Co. for six years. From that point, he went wherever his work took him, from branding cattle in Montana, to selling mattresses in Alaska, to building a log cabin in Washington from lumber felled on the property, to helping friends and family with various building projects and odd jobs.

In the late 1990s, he moved to Seaside to help build the new Safeway. He got to know many people in town through the bingo program — both playing and calling — at Our Lady of Victory, where he was also a cook for the church’s Sunday supper program. That led to Jeff cook-

ing for the American Legion, as well.

Jeff’s interests included gardening, eventually becoming an expert on cultivating orchids. He was an excellent cook, always trying new recipes, and an avid reader. He loved fishing from the time he was 7 — whether it was on the Deschutes River or in the Pacific Ocean — and crabbing and clamming at the Seaside Coast.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Rosemary Gallinger; his brothers, Paul and Mark Gallinger; and his son, Riley Gallinger-Long. He is survived by his sons, Zack and Wyatt Gallinger-Long; his grandsons, Christopher and Alexander Gallinger-Long; his siblings, Jay Gallinger, Margorie Keene, Mary Gallinger, Bridget Abbott, Blaze Gallinger, Barbara Pearson and John Gallinger; and a large circle of friends in Seaside.

He will be buried on his best friend’s family property overlooking the Columbia River.

Halloween

Trick or Treat

The Seaside Outlet Stores

Free Event

Oct. 31st . 3pm - 6pm

▪Safe Trick-or-Treating Event

▪Covered & out of the weather

▪Don’t forget your costume!