

Seaside man sentenced to prison for domestic violence

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A Seaside man was sentenced last week to more than eight years in prison for charges related to domestic violence.

Aaron Joseph French, 38, pleaded guilty to rape in the first degree, coercion and unlawful use of a weapon.

Seaside police were called to an apartment complex in September 2019 to a woman in distress.

French allegedly threatened the woman with a knife and raped her after she brought his 3-year-old son for a visit.

When police arrived, the woman was outside of the apartment, but the boy was still inside. French

released the boy to police, but allegedly told police he had a gun and threatened violence and self-harm. Scott McCracken, a deputy district attorney who prosecuted the case, said police made the determination to leave and return later for French. When they returned, McCracken said the apartment was empty and police learned that a co-worker took French to

a hospital after he harmed himself.

McCracken called it an extremely scary incident. "And it could have gone so much worse in many different ways, but fortunately at this point everyone is alive," he said.

Kirk Wintermute, an attorney representing French, said French was in a very dark place when the incident occurred. He said

French has a history of significant trauma and dealt with that trauma largely through drugs and primarily alcohol. He said the incident was set off by a text message he saw.

"He frankly snapped," Wintermute said. "He lost all control. I will say that everyone we talked to about Mr. French indicate this is not who he is. He is a person who was fun to

be around, positive, happy generally, but struggled.

"I think this was a toxic stew that he stepped into of depression and substances and jealousy. And it was a terrible outcome. I think Mr. McCracken's right — this could have been much worse, frankly, and we're lucky it wasn't. But it still is obviously going to leave deep scars I think for everybody involved."

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



Sept. 4

8:04 a.m., 1200 block Avenue A: A person is arrested on a warrant.

12:39 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 by Les Schwab: A person is pulled over after conducting a dangerous left turn.

6:04 p.m., Avenue H and Roosevelt: A person is pulled over for failure to stay in lane.

6:27 p.m., Avenues K-L, Ocean Shore: Numerous transient campers are advised to pack up and leave the area.

6:53 p.m., 1100 block N. Franklin: Participants in an on-going disturbance agree to separate for the night. Police return at 7:21 p.m., where the disturbance continues; parties are given options.

9:33 p.m., 900 block 14th Avenue: A person is arrested and charged with DUII.

11:52 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 and Mill Creek Lane: A person is pulled over for failure to drive in lane.

Sept. 5

12:15 a.m., 1600 block Broadway: Officer requested to make a welfare check; on arrival, police call for emergency medical assistance. Subject transported to hospital.

12:47 a.m., 800 block S. Holladay: Person reports neighbor throwing fish guts and fish refuse off their balcony. They are advised to contact the property management.

1:53 a.m., Avenue U: Tents on beach.

6:15 a.m., Prom and Ocean Way: Police speak with a person sleeping in their car; they say they are intoxicated and shouldn't drive. No further action taken.

7:23 a.m., ~7:45 a.m., Beach: Police advise six different subjects of ordinances prohibiting tents on the beach.

1:13 p.m., 2700 block S. Roosevelt: A two-car motor vehicle accident is reported. Another agency is assisted.

2:35 p.m., Broadway Park Bridge: Caller reports kids jumping off the bridge. A responsible parent is contacted who says the kids are jumping off the dock, not the bridge.

7:23 p.m., Avenue A and South Columbia: A juvenile reported missing is reunited with their parent.

Sept. 6

12:07 a.m., U.S. Highway 101 by Motel 6: A person is pulled over on a traffic violation and discovered to be driving while having their privilege suspended.

1:51 a.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: Police respond to a

report of a person who refuses to leave a local establishment. Person agrees to leave and is informed they are trespassing.

6:22 p.m., 300 block Avenue A: Police respond to a person complaining they are excluded from a fraternal club. They agree to leave it alone and just leave.

Sept. 7

8:08 p.m., Seaside Post Office: A disturbance is reported.

Sept. 8

8:15 a.m., 400 block N. Prom: An assault is reported.

6:48 p.m., Dunes and Avenue K: A transient camp growing in size over the past 10 days is warned to clean up their mess and move on.

Sept. 10

9:40 a.m., N. Roosevelt: Caller reports man in the women's bathroom. Officer responding finds a woman in the woman's restroom.

Sept. 11

1:48 a.m., 1700 block 12th Avenue: A person is arrested on a warrant.

1:56 a.m., Beach: Persons located with a bonfire during the burn ban deny having started the fire. The fire was extinguished and the subjects left the area.

2:47 p.m., Broadway and Roosevelt: Subjects reported creating a disturbance tell police they are upset about 9/11 but said they would keep it down.

11:06 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: Subjects sitting in car for some time with the lights on is reported as suspicious. Police make contact with the occupants who say they've been displaced by the wildfires and are just taking a break.



Sept. 4

3:57 a.m., Eighth and Necanicum: Fire alarm.

2:24 p.m., 1800 block Lewis & Clark Road: Emergency medical response; assist another agency.

11:54 p.m., 800 block S. Holladay: Emergency medical response.

Sept. 5

4:16 p.m., Semaphore 12: Water rescue.

Sept. 6

6:50 p.m., 2300 block Ocean Vista Way: Fire investigation.

7:12 p.m., 85000 block U.S. Highway 101: Car on fire.

Sept. 7

5:25 a.m., 2700 block Sunset Blvd: Structure fire.

2:06 p.m., Avenue G: Emergency medical response.

7:31 p.m., Beach: Callers report multiple fires on the beach. All groups are spoken to and they will be extinguishing the fires as per the fire ban.

8:09 p.m., 12th and Dunes: Fire investigation.

8:10 p.m., 2400 block Boehm Acres: Fire investigation.

8:19 p.m., 42000 block U.S. Highway 26: Brush fire reported.

8:57 p.m., 800 block Avenue S: Fire investigation.

8:11 p.m., Hilltop Area: Fire investigation.

8:01 p.m., 3400 block Sunset Blvd: Fire investigation.

11:32 p.m., Beach and Hi Tide: Fire investigation.

Sept. 8

4:56 p.m., Semaphore 3: Water rescue.

6:43 p.m., 1400 block S. Franklin: Fire investigation.

8:12 p.m., First and Beach: Fire investigation.

8:32 p.m., Eighth and Necanicum: Fire investigation.

9:33 p.m., Beach: Several groups are informed of the fire ban.

10:02 p.m., 800 block Avenue S: Campfire reported in the area; police locate responsible party and tell them to extinguish the fire.

10:37 p.m., Beach and the Aquarium: Fire investigation.

Sept. 10

6:40 a.m., Wireless Road: Structure fire.

2:13 p.m., 400 block Third Avenue: Structure fire.

6:42 p.m., Avenue W and Beach: Fire investigation.

6:58 p.m., Avenue G and Beach: Fire investigation.

7:39 p.m., Beach near Aquarium: Fire investigation.

Sept. 11

12:44 p.m., Estuary/Beach: Fire investigation.

1:42 p.m., Avenue I and Ocean Shore: Fire investigation.

6:42 p.m., 2100 block S. Columbia: Fire investigation.

9:32 p.m., Fourth Avenue and Ocean Shore: Fire investigation.

10:32 p.m., Beach, north of Shilo: Numerous groups are advised of the fire ban.



Yelling match

A 27-year-old Seaside man got into a yelling match Sept. 4 on U.S. Highway 101 by Colcourt Lane; he was reported yelling at the driver and passenger of another car traveling northbound at milepost 16. He pulled over and got out

OBITUARIES

Virginia Dawn Fisher

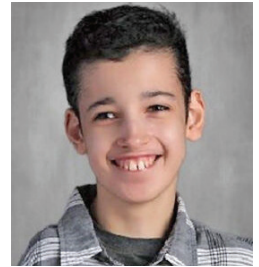
Virginia Dawn Fisher, 89, originally of Longview, Washington, died Sept. 11, 2020, in Seaside, Oregon. No services are scheduled. Assisting is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Services of Salem, Oregon.

Samuel J. Sadler

Hammond

Sept. 22, 2000 — Sept. 4, 2020

It is with profound anguish and eternal love that the family of Samuel J. Sadler announce his sudden and unexpected death on Sept. 4, 2020, in Hammond, Oregon, at the age of 19.



If ever there was an example of pure innocence, unfettered with the weight of the world, Samuel was the embodiment of this. He lived his

short life joyously. Though never capable of verbally speaking, Samuel communicated through the language of kindness and love to all whom he encountered. No one ever needed a translator to "hear" what Samuel was "saying" to them with a hug and a smile.

The family wishes to send a special thanks to his extended "family" at the Warrenton Grade School and the life skills class at Astoria High School, who cared and loved him as their own. Samuel was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Barbara Sadler; paternal grandfather, Jack Sadler; and his uncle, Jim Sadler.

Samuel was born Sept. 22, 2000, to Jennifer and Sam Sadler in Salem, Oregon. He moved with his family to the North Coast of Oregon in 2005, settling in Hammond, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Samuel J. Sadler's honor to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL., 33607 or donate.lovetotherescue.org

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