

Roden gets new sentence in child's death

By NICOLE BALES
The Astorian

A Seaside man who was found guilty of killing his girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter received a new sentence last Friday after his murder convictions were overturned by the Oregon Court of Appeals last year.

To avoid a retrial, Randy Roden's counsel and prosecutors settled on a guilty plea to manslaughter in the first degree.

Roden, 32, was sentenced to 20 years in prison from when he was arrested in December 2014. The murder charges he was convicted of in 2016 were dismissed.

Roden was sentenced to nearly 40 years in prison in 2016 after a jury found him guilty of murder by abuse, felony murder, manslaughter, assault and criminal mistreatment in the death of Evangelina Wing and the abuse of her two brothers.

The Court of Appeals, however, ruled that during the trial the prosecution failed to present an adequate scientific foundation for expert testimony on bite marks found on the children.

District Attorney Ron Brown, who prosecuted the case, said the state agreed to make the deal based on many different factors, including a lapse in time since the crime, holes in the investigation — particularly with the autopsy of Wing — and the uncertainty of another trial.

Brown said he also did not want to further traumatize the



Danny Miller/The Astorian

Randy Roden reacts as his verdict is read in 2016 at Clatsop County Circuit Court in Astoria.

children and other witnesses with another trial. Another reason, he said, is no one could duplicate the work of the lead detective on the case, Seaside Sgt. Jason Gooding, who was killed on duty in 2015.

"There's really no amount of time or money or anything else that can ever give back the innocence of a child's life or a victim of sexual abuse," Brown said. "And it's frustrating that the best we can do is just put somebody in prison, but at least he won't be hurting anybody for the better part of the next 20 years."

"He's a total bully, and he picks on women and children. That's his track record."

Prosecutors and law enforcement have described the death of Wing and the abuse of her brothers as one of the worst child abuse cases in the county's history.

Prosecutors alleged the children were tortured, sex-

ually abused, burned, bitten and caged in the Seaside apartment their mother, Dorothy Wing, shared with Roden.

Dorothy Wing pleaded guilty to manslaughter and criminal mistreatment and was sentenced to 15 years in prison, a reduced sentence agreed upon in return for her testimony against Roden.

During Roden's sentencing on Friday, the family of the children struggled to come to terms with a new sentence they view as unjust.

Melissa Smith, the children's aunt and adoptive parent of the two boys, said her family is offended by how the matters have been handled.

"It sends a message to the community in which this child died that her life does not matter," Smith said. "The effects of this crime, and his actions on every member of my family is a life sentence of dealing with profound trauma and grief and loss."

"When I think of everything my nieces and nephews have gone through, I become sick to my stomach that someone could hurt children in this way or that a mother could look the other way shocks me to my core. No one will ever know the extent of their torture, sexual abuse, mental and emotional abuse that they suffered at this man's hand. Man is too kind of a word, he is a monster."

"I'm still learning new things that were done to my boys and their sister every day and it takes a part of my heart. There's a raw and empty space in all of this now that will never be healed because of this horrible man."

Judge Henry Kantor, who presided over the sentencing, said the new sentence may not satisfy anyone, "but it is what the community can produce in light of all of the circumstances."

Burglary mars Veterans Day

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

Seaside Elks Lodge #1748 joined 1,800 Elks chapters nationwide honored the nation's veterans on Veterans Day.

The week was marred as the lodge was burglarized overnight between Monday and Tuesday.

Cash was being raised to help provide food baskets for the holidays. Baskets are given to families in need.

"We are frustrated to announce that our lodge was the victim of burglary," treasurer Jan Jackson reported Wednesday. Officers worked throughout the day to repair damage and get the lodge up and running for chili dinner and a shortened program, without the usual decorations and photos in place.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Seaside Police Department at 503-738-6311.

City proclamation
Seaside City Council offered a proclamation paying tribute to veterans and their families.

At the Oct. 26 meeting, Councilor Steve Wright read the Proclamation for Veterans Day, paying tribute "to the men and women who have risked their lives to preserve the liberty of our nation, the families who support them, and the heroes no longer with us."

The proclamation recalls previous generations of Amer-

icans have "charged into harm's way, sometimes making the ultimate sacrifice, to protect the freedoms that have blessed American."

The council unanimously supported the proclamation.

MEMORIAL

Leif E. DeWinter
Saturday, Nov. 14

Memorial at 1 p.m., North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 N. Wahanna Road in Seaside.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



Oct. 30

7:45 a.m., Turnaround: Police contact a subject reported causing a disturbance.

8:24 a.m., 500 block S. Roosevelt: A person sleeping on private property is advised to move along.

3:55 p.m., 2100 block S. Franklin: Domestic disturbance.

Oct. 31

3:32 p.m., First and Columbia: A person is arrested on a warrant.

8:31 p.m., 200 block Broadway: An argument between patrons at a restaurant is determined to be verbal only.

8:57 p.m., 2400 block U.S. Highway 101: A caller who reported his foot injured later declined medical attention. After saying he would "just die," he later said he had no self-harming intentions.

Nov. 1

12:34 a.m., 700 block First Avenue: Subjects reported fighting agree to keep the peace.

9:53 a.m., 700 block S. Edgewood: A person is arrested for driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

3:01 p.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: A person is arrested on a warrant.

7:24 p.m., 2300 block S. Roosevelt: A person is arrested for being in violation of a restraining order.

10:03 p.m., N. Downing: Police responded to a report of a fight at a local business. The subject left the area prior to police arrival and their presence was no longer needed.

10:44 p.m., 900 block Third Avenue: Police responding to a disturbance are told it was all a misunderstanding.

Nov. 2

7:12 a.m., Avenue A: Caller reports a man removing paintings from a closed construction site; police contact the property owner who says the paintings are free. The area is now closed to the public.

10:48 a.m., Beach swings: A mobile phone found is turned in to police for safekeeping.

12:40 p.m., 11th and Roosevelt: A found wallet is turned in for safekeeping.

6:51 p.m., 4200 block U.S. Highway 101: Police assist Gearhart police on an arrest warrant.

7:27 p.m., 800 block S. Columbia: Sex offender registration.

10:31 p.m., 300 block S. Columbia: A man making a lot of noise is advised to keep it down.

Nov. 3

6:39 a.m., Broadway: Police respond to a report of a man acting in a hysterical manner. The subject was located and warned of disorderly conduct and advised to modify his behavior.

10:09 a.m., 800 block Avenue G: A person is arrested for disorderly conduct.

8:01 p.m., Library: A transient sleeping on the property is warned of ordinances and advised they will be trespassed.

Nov. 4

9:00 a.m., 1100 block N. Roosevelt: A person is arrested on a warrant.

9:12 p.m., Thompson Falls Drive and Lewis and Clark Road: Caller reports someone following them; police contact the suspicious person who is not suspicious and is just traveling in the same direction.

Nov. 5

4:33 a.m., 400 block S. Holladay: While investigating an alarm sounding, police determine the alarm is from smoke alarms discarded in a bin. No hazards were located.

2:39 p.m., S. Downing and Avenue K: A hit-and-run is reported.

3:11 p.m., Wahanna near the hospital: A person is arrested on a warrant.

10:15 p.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: A caller reports an intoxicated man who won't leave. The subject got in a taxi and left prior to police arrival.



Oct. 30

12:38 p.m., 400 block S. Holladay: Structure fire.

Oct. 31

1:22 p.m., 1200 block Beach Drive: Structure fire.

Nov. 2

1:13 p.m., 500 block Hillside Loop: Emergency medical response.

1:52 p.m., 2200 block N. Wahanna: Fire investigation.

5:58 p.m., 2400 block N. Roosevelt: Emergency medical response following motor vehicle accident.

Nov. 3

7:27 a.m., 200 block First Avenue: Fire alarm.

12:33 p.m., End of Avenue D, Under Tree: A man who started a bonfire on city property is told to clean up and clear out.

Nov. 4

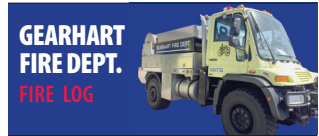
7:33 a.m., U.S. Highway 101, Seaside: Emergency medical response.

2:27 p.m., 1100 block Broadway: Fire alarm.



Fatal crash on U.S. Highway 101

State police responded to the site of a three-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 101 and Pioneer Farm Road, milepost 9 Nov. 4 at 10:10 a.m. Two people, a 63-year-old man and a 71-year-old woman, both from Ilwaco, Washington, died on scene. According to the preliminary investigation, a 2000 Lincoln Navigator was traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 101 when it crossed the center line and side-swiped a 2012 Toyota RAV4 traveling southbound. The impact caused the RAV4 to spin into the northbound lane at which time it was struck by a 2019 Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck traveling in the northbound lane. The driver and passenger of the RAV4 were pronounced deceased at the scene, along with their dog who was in the car with them. The driver and passenger of the Colorado truck were transported via ambulance for non-life threatening injuries. The driver and sole occupant of the Navigator was uninjured. The investigation is ongoing.



Oct. 16

5 p.m., good intent call, Pacific Way, Gearhart.

Oct. 17

8:21 a.m., motor vehicle accident with injuries, U.S. Highway 101 and Gronmark Lane, Gearhart

2:28 p.m., medical service, U.S. Highway 101 and Shamrock Road, Warrenton.

10:09 p.m., emergency medical service, Wahanna, Seaside.

Oct. 18

11:07 a.m., emergency medical service, Seabreeze, Surf Pines.

Oct. 20

10:32 p.m., special outside fire, Fairway, Warrenton.

BUSINESS Directory

ELECTRICAL

• New Construction
• Remodels
• Panel Changes & Upgrades
• Add Circuits or Lighting
• Generators
• Repairs

CALL US for your next electrical project!

503-739-7145
712 S. Holladay Dr. • Seaside, OR
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
www.jjelectricservice.com

FLOORING

the Original
Luxury vinyl planks and tile.

Carpet Corner
Flooring Installation

you walk on our reputation

3470 Hwy 101 Suite 102 • Gearhart, Oregon
503.739.7577 • carpetcornergearhart.com

LANDSCAPING

YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF (no scotch broom)

- Laurelwood Compost
- Soil Amendments
- Planting MacMix
- Mulch

503-717-1454
34154 HIGHWAY 26
SEASIDE, OR

Laurelwood Farm

ELECTRICAL

- Repairs
- Generator installation & servicing
- New construction
- Remodels

Serving the North Oregon Coast since 1950!

Serving Clatsop & Tillamook Counties
503.738.8391

FLOORING

Randall Lee's 0% FINANCING AVAILABLE

Flooring America

Window Treatments, Fabric, Designer Wallpaper, Counter Tops, All Flooring and Miele Vacuums

Randall Lee's Seaside • 2311 N. Roosevelt Dr. • 503-738-5729
rflflooring@yahoo.com • www.RandallLeesFlooring.com

Randall Lee's Flooring Outlet • 3579 Hwy 101 Gearhart • 503-738-6756
Warehouse pricing • Open to the Public • Hundreds of instock rolls & remnants • In House Binding

CONSTRUCTION

**EXCAVATION • UNDERGROUND UTILITIES
ROAD WORK • FILL MATERIAL
SITE PREPARATION • ROCK**

OWNED AND OPERATED BY MIKE AND CELINE MCEWAN

503-738-3569
34154 Hwy 26, Seaside, OR
P.O. Box 2845, Gearhart, OR
SERVING THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST SINCE 1956 • CC48302

CREMATION

Ocean View

Funeral & Cremation Services

Telephone Advice & Assistance 24-Hours A Day
1213 Franklin Ave., Astoria • 503-338-7200
www.OceanViewAstoria.com

Lowest Cost Cremation
On The Northern Oregon Coast

See our website for Up-To-Date Pricing Comparisons.
Also registered in the State of Washington

INSURANCE

Medicare Solutions

Losing MODA?

Call or Text
Steve Putman - Agent
503-440-1076