

**PUBLIC SAFETY LOG**



**March 18**  
**12:00 a.m.**, 800 block N. Holladay: While responding to a reported disturbance, subject tells police they want their spouse to leave because he's been verbally abusive.

**11:15 a.m.**, North of 18th/West of water treatment: Transient camper is apprised of ordinances and agrees to leave.

**3:35 p.m.**, A person is arrested on a warrant.

**10:09 p.m.**, 1800 block Spruce: A juvenile is reported missing.

**March 19**  
**7:37 a.m.**, 2300 block S. Roosevelt: Caller says unhoused people are dumping garbage on their property.

**10:14 a.m.**, 1100 block Avenue D: Caller reports suspicious man in the area; police make contact and see he is delivering packages in the neighborhood.

**2:38 p.m.**, 300 block Beach Drive: Caller reports an issue with an employee who has not returned a laptop owned by the business. They are advised this is a civil matter and given options.

**5:31 p.m.**, Broadway: A business owner reports property crimes.

**5:39 p.m.**, Broadway: A verbal disturbance on the brink of turning physical is averted. The involved parties are warned of disorderly conduct.

**6:44 p.m.**, 1100 block Broadway: A person is arrested on a warrant.

**8:13 p.m.**, 1800 block S. Roosevelt: A female subject is reported making threats.

**10:15 p.m.**, 800 block Nicanicum Drive: A dog bite is reported.

**March 20**  
**2:43 a.m.**, 400 block Avenue A: A missing person is reported.

**2:46 p.m.**, First Avenue and Prom: A person says their car was illegally entered.

**3:41 p.m.**, 1800 block Thompson Falls Drive: EMS call.

**3:45 p.m.**, 600 block S. Edgewood: EMS call. Another agency is assisted.

**4:12 p.m.**, Rileys, S. Holladay: A

collision is reported.  
**4:27 p.m.**, Lost Lake: Caller reports subjects shooting pistols in the Lost Lake parking lot. The subjects are described leaving the area in two black Jeep Wranglers.  
**5:48 p.m.**, 1100 block N. Roosevelt: A dog bite is reported.

**March 21**  
**12:47 a.m.**, U.S. Highway 101 and Reservoir Road: Police assist Cannon Beach police with a driving while intoxicated traffic stop.  
**6:29 a.m.**, Library: A small white dog is reported unaccompanied in the area. The dog is gone prior to police arrival.

**11:48 a.m.**, Police headquarters: Sex offender registration.  
**1:35 a.m.**, 1400 block N. Wahanna: Police respond to an anonymous call asking them to go to an address for a reported disturbance. On arrival, they see a man and a woman and a woman outside arguing. Another agency is assisted.

**4:32 p.m.**, 1200 block S. Wahanna: A disturbance is reported.

**8:47 p.m.**, 500 block S. Columbia: Caller requests police speak with her neighbor who she claims allows her dog to chase her and her dog.

**March 22**  
**1:32 p.m.**, 1900 block Spruce Drive: A deceased person is reported.

**2:22 p.m.**, 1100 block Queen Street: Dog complaint.

**3:23 p.m.**, Ocean Way restrooms: Transient is reported making a lot of noise and causing a disturbance; on arrival he told police he was just listening to loud music. He was advised of the complaint.

**5:38 p.m.**, 1400 block N. Wahanna: EMS call.

**6:01 p.m.**, 200 block Avenue A: A person is reported urinating in public.

**8:32 p.m.**, 800 block S. Hemlock: Police assist Cannon Beach police with a reported argument between parties that turned physical.

**11:00 p.m.**, 500 block S. Prom: Caller reports a family member is very late returning home and wishes to report them missing.

**March 23**  
**7:54 a.m.**, Avenue E and S.

Lincoln: A person is cited for unlawful lodging.

**8:00 a.m.**, 800 block Avenue C: A person sleeping under a tarp is trespassed.

**8:51 a.m.**, 1600 block Broadway: Caller reports his daughter has been missing since Dec. 2021.

**10:45 a.m.**, Stop & Go: Fuel theft is reported.

**1:27 p.m.**, Trucke's: Fuel theft is reported.

**6:21 p.m.**, 2600 block U.S. Highway 101: EMS call.

**6:40 p.m.**, 700 block Avenue R: EMS call.

**8:27 p.m.**, Broadway near Finn's: Caller reports a physical fight between two men and a woman. No weapons were seen by the caller.

**11:54 p.m.**, 400 block S. Prom: Caller reports someone on a balcony throwing a football attempting to hit cars.



**Crash on Highway 26**

Troopers responded March 21 at 4:45 p.m. to a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 26 at milepost 30 when the driver of a Dodge truck was unable to stop when cars traveling in front of it were slowing. A BMW was rear-ended and the truck went into the westbound ditch and rolled onto the driver's side. A 61-year-old Seaside passenger in the truck was taken to Seaside Providence Hospital by private car. Hillsboro Towing took possession of both wrecked vehicles. The Elsie and Banks fire departments were on scene.

**Unleashed dog attacks leashed dog**

An off-leash dog attacked a leashed dog on the beach in Gearhart by the Del Ray beach access March 22 at 6:03 p.m. All parties were contacted and interviewed and witness statements taken. The person responsible for the unleashed dog was determined to be at fault for the injury of the leashed dog. The leashed dog's owner was also injured. The owner of the unleashed dog was cited and agreed to work with the owner of the injured dog to resolve the matter.

# Prosecutor to target poachers

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Oregon State Police

**A bull elk was illegally killed and left to waste near Elgin.**

For the first time ever, the Oregon Department of Justice has hired a special prosecutor solely dedicated to locating, investigating and prosecuting poachers.

The new position comes as the state has recently seen a spike in the unsolved illegal killing of wildlife, including deer, elk and wolves.

Jay Hall was hired in February to be the new assistant attorney general dedicated to enforcing anti-poaching laws and providing expertise and resources to local law enforcement for poaching investigations and prosecutions. He previously spent 12 years prosecuting major crimes for the Lane County district attorney's office and developed expertise in using state racketeering laws against organized poaching rings.

In 2010, he received an award from the Oregon State Police for prosecuting a poaching ring that killed more than 300 deer and elk.

Hall will work with the Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and advise law enforcement agencies in collecting evidence, processing cases and assigning penalties and will also guide and assist county prosecutors in fish and wildlife criminal cases.

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature approved funding for the Stop Poaching Campaign to increase anti-poaching efforts across the state. The campaign includes working with communities to find poachers, adding four Oregon State Police troopers and a sergeant to increase enforcement and hiring an anti-poaching prosecutor.

"Now that all three components of the legislative strategy are in place, our

ability to tackle poaching across the state is greatly enhanced," state Rep. Ken Helm, a Beaverton Democrat who co-chairs the Legislature's Wildlife Caucus, said in a statement.

Recently, the state has seen an increase in wildlife poaching, with two cases of wolves being illegally shot in the last two months. In January, investigators with Oregon State Police said a 2-year-old collared female wolf was found dead in Wallowa County. Last month, officials found a dead wolf near Cove in Union County. The shootings have prompted conservationists and wildlife advocates to call on the state to hire a special prosecutor for wildlife crime.

"Fulfilling this role increases our chances of holding poachers accountable," Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Stop Poaching Campaign Coordinator Yvonne Shaw said. "Prosecuting crimes against fish, wildlife and their habitats preserves natural resources that belong to all Oregonians."

Shaw said only a fraction of poaching is detected and reported.

According to Oregon State Police, 447 big game species like wolves, bears and antelope were killed in 2020. That's a major

increase from the 324 big game species that were killed in 2019.

Conservationists say this new role is much needed and will provide counties with the resources to prosecute poachers. They say they hope to see a reduction in the illegal killing of wildlife.

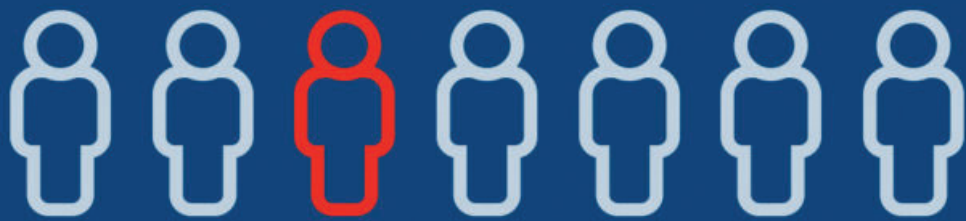
"I think some of these high-profile poaching cases, particularly of wolves, have kind of pushed this issue into the spotlight," Quinn Read, a policy director for the Center for Biological Diversity, said.

Read said having a prosecutor focused on enforcing anti-poaching laws is a game changer. She said many times cases fall through the cracks in counties because of limited resources.

"Having someone here who can really focus and specialize and bring that expertise to enforcing our wildlife laws is really key," she said.

The Stop Poaching Campaign is a collaboration among hunters, conservationists, landowners and recreationists to educate the public on how to recognize and report poaching. The program's goal is to increase reporting of poaching through their tip line, 1-800-452-7888, and to increase prosecution of these crimes.

At least **1 IN 7 CHILDREN** have experienced abuse or neglect in the past year



#ChildAbusePreventionMonth

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/fastfact.html>

If I could say thank you to every foster family, child welfare professional, judge and CASA volunteer who dedicate their life to children and youth in the foster care system, I would. And, even then, it would insufficiently cover the depth and gratitude due them for their unwavering dedication, selflessness, and countless sacrifices day in and day out – to support children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Without you, these children might have no one to depend on. They'd be left with nothing more than a constant parade of strangers cycling in and out of their lives, asking the same questions and ticking the same boxes before disappearing, only to be replaced by the next.

**Imagine experiencing this loneliness and chaos...on top of losing your parents.**

**It's a loss too terrible for anyone to bear, much less a child.**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and today, I am reaching out about a REAL and PRESENT crisis affecting children here in Clatsop County and across the nation. If you read the paper or watch the news, you know the **magnitude of the opioid epidemic** in this country. With the additional devastation of COVID-19, our communities are facing an uphill battle. This is especially true in small communities like ours. While lawmakers, public officials, and the media focus on these public health crises, we focus on the silent victims – **the children.**

Of course, parental substance abuse is not new, and we have always advocated for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect because of a parent's addiction. But over

the last six years, the number of children in foster care across the country has risen 8 percent, a rise that public health officials, analyzing other data trends, increasingly attribute to the growing use of opioids. **Sadly, we have expected this number to continue to climb.** And this was before the COVID-19 Pandemic – these numbers are expected to increase dramatically because of family isolation, anxiety/stress, lack of access to treatment and economic uncertainty.

**If this breaks your heart, you are not alone.** It breaks mine, too. And what's worse is that this wave will not peak any time soon. If we want to save our children, we have to act now. Which means our role—and yours—has never been more important.

I am writing to ask for your assistance. As an important part of the CASA movement, you can

Historically, financial and emotional **STRESS** can fuel a **RISE IN CASES OF CHILD ABUSE**



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help bring stability to the lives of the lesser known victims of the opioid crisis, America's children.

**First, it takes time.**

Right now, more than 40 volunteers spend 4,000 plus hours a year speaking out for the best interests of the more than 120 children they serve here in Clatsop County. To give every child one caring, constant adult in their lives, we need to more than double the number of CASA volunteers. We know we can do it.

**Second, it takes money.**

The 4,000-plus hours our volunteers donate each year in our community is a bargain, but it is not free. What makes our volunteers so effective is the investment that we make in their ongoing training and supervision. The issues surrounding opioid addiction are complex. We need to create new trainings and new materials on those issues for all our volunteers. Given the return—to the children in foster care and to our society—we are committed to partnering with donors and investors who can help us make that investment. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to our program. Donations can be made at [www.clatsopcasa.org](http://www.clatsopcasa.org) or mailed to: PO BOX 514, Astoria, OR 97103.

**Third, it takes HEART.**

It takes heart to see a child in need and stop to help. It takes heart to stay for as long as you are needed—for that child and every child—day after day, year after year, in good times and bad. Those who do this work, whether they are volunteers, staff members, or donors, have the heart to see, to stop, and to stay.

Perhaps you do, too. And if you do, this is an invitation to join us, in whatever capacity you can. Not even one of us has the power to change these children's past— what they have seen, what they have done, what they have suffered.

**Every one of us has the power to change their future. All it takes is the heart to do so.**

I can tell you that whatever dollars you invest will yield an outsized return in that most valuable currency of all, **time.**

I can promise you that wherever that time is spent—in court, on the phone, at a hospital, in a high school gymnasium or backyard sandbox—you will be giving children all the time they need to learn that it's safe to hope, to trust, to believe, and to move forward.

On behalf of all of us — **thank you.**

Sincerely,  
 Nakesha Womble  
 Executive Director, Clatsop  
 CASA Program, Inc.