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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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**Re: UG 388 – Application of NW Natural for a General Rate Revision
Affidavits of Publication and Tear Sheets**

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or the “Company”), files herewith, as required by OAR 860-022-0017(4), an affidavit attesting that notice has been given of the above referenced filing dated December 30, 2019. Affidavits of Publication and tear sheets from the major newspapers¹ in the Company’s Oregon service territory are attached.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503.721.2452.

Respectfully,

/s/ Natasha Siores

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Manager, Regulatory Compliance

Attachments

cc: Phil Boyle, OPUC Consumer Services

¹ *The Oregonian* (Portland); *Statesman Journal* (Salem); *The Register-Guard* (Eugene); and *The World* (Coos Bay).



AFFIDAVIT

I, Natasha Siores, do hereby attest notice has been given of NW Natural's filing for a general rate revision in docket UG 388, dated December 30, 2019.

Attached to this affidavit are the electronic tear sheets of the notice as published by the four major newspapers in the Company's Oregon service territory, with accompanying Affidavits of Publication from each said notice, titled "NW Natural Files General Rate Case in Oregon," being duly published in *The Oregonian* on January 8, 2020, the *Statesman Journal* on January 8, 2020, *The Register-Guard* on January 7, 2020, and *The World* on January 8, 2020.

DATED at Portland, Oregon, this 24th day of January 2020.

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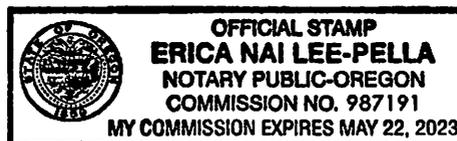
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Erica Nai Lee-Pella, Notary Public – State of Oregon



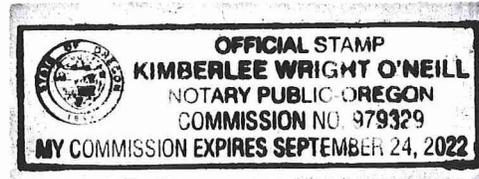
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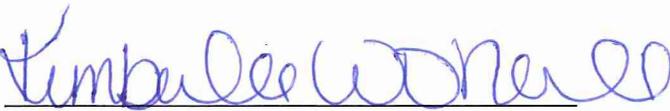
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FATALITY

Driver pleads not guilty in crash that killed Gresham boy, 11

Jayati Ramakrishnan *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Barely 24 hours after a crash that killed an 11-year-old walking to school, suspect Garrett Bergquist appeared in court and pleaded not guilty.

Bergquist, 26, is charged with first- and second-degree manslaughter, driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving after he allegedly struck and killed Luis Medina while the boy was walking to Gresham's Dexter McCarty Middle School on Monday morning.

The Gresham man appeared behind a glass window at the Multnomah County Justice Center wearing a blue-gray jail uniform. He appeared to be holding back tears when he entered the courtroom but remained stoic for the rest of the hearing. An attorney told him that he would remain in custody pending further evaluation.

Court documents say a drug test shows Bergquist was taking central nervous system depressants and narcotic pain relievers, which impaired him to the point he couldn't safely operate a car. According to court documents, Bergquist was taking pain pills for an old leg injury, but not under a doctor's care.

Police say Bergquist hit Luis at the intersection of Southeast Hogan and 5th streets in Gresham. According to court documents, Luis had the right of way and was crossing the street in a marked crosswalk. According to witnesses, Bergquist ran a red light while driving fast down Hogan Street. Court documents say the impact of the crash tossed Luis 80 feet, and he died at the scene. As they investigated, offi-



Garrett Bergquist, 26, was arraigned at the Multnomah County Justice Center on Tuesday on charges of first-degree manslaughter, second-degree manslaughter, driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving. *Dave Killen, staff*

cers saw video that another driver had from a dashboard-mounted camera, which captured the entire incident. Further investigation revealed that Bergquist kept driving after the crash, then pulled over and started taking photos, police said.

Court documents did not say how fast Bergquist was driving when he hit Luis, but the area is in a school zone, and under Oregon law, the school zone speed limit is 20 mph.

A fundraiser set up to help Luis' family with funeral services and expenses described Luis as a "quiet sweet boy" who loved playing with his sister and anything to do with playing in the water. As of Tuesday afternoon, the fundraiser had topped its \$18,000 goal.

CANCER TREATMENT

Teen cancer patient, mother allowed to meet for surgery

Jim Ryan *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

A mother who's facing interference charges for allegedly defying a court order to turn her ill daughter over to state custody will be allowed to see her daughter before and after an upcoming surgery, a Clackamas County judge has ruled.

Doctors have referred to the case of Kylee Dixon, a Wilsonville teen who has been battling cancer, as a "medical emergency," according to KPTV. Surgery is scheduled for next week.

A judge ruled that the teen and her mother, Christina Dixon, could see each other before and after the procedure.

Kylee Dixon, 13, told the judge her mother is her best friend and that they don't have any problems, KPTV reported. She also said she's ready for surgery.

In July, Christina Dixon was charged

with two counts of custodial interference and two of criminal mistreatment after she allegedly defied a court order to turn her daughter over to state custody. Dixon and her daughter had been on the run for several days and were found in a Las Vegas hotel.

Kylee was then turned over to state custody and has since been living with a foster family.

The state has said there is a 70% chance surgery would stop the tumor's growth. Christina Dixon has previously claimed the CBD oil she gave her daughter shrunk the cancerous tumor by 90%. Doctors have not publicly verified that claim.

A previously issued no-contact order says Christina Dixon is not allowed to interfere with her daughter's medical treatment or plan, among other rules.

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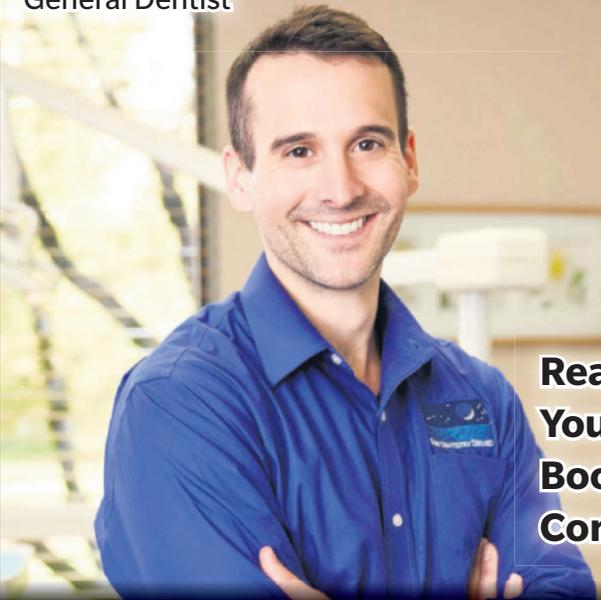




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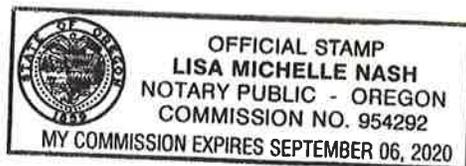
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Tents and debris are piled on top of one another on Commercial St. NE near downtown Salem on Dec. 16, 2019. A no-camping ordinance, similar to the one in Salem, went into effect in the City of Keizer on Monday. ANNA REED/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Ban

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rently camping in the right of way as police closely monitor those places where people try to set up camps. Forty of 43 identified campsites in the city are vacant, she said.

"Keizer police and code enforcement officers have been very successful at persuading such persons to vacate the camps voluntarily; nevertheless, we must revisit the locations regularly, as many of the people move from one camp to another," Lt. Bob Trump wrote in an email to the Statesman Journal.

"Our police are very compassionate," Clark said. "When our police and code enforcement contact a person who is trying to camp they immediately work on helping them identify services needed."

Similar to Salem, the ban will likely cause the home-

less population to disperse even more, Jones said. Most people in Keizer were camping on the margins of the city, north of Volcanoes stadium, along the Willamette River and near Interstate-5.

Now, "people will find their way into areas that are harder to observe — go into the woods, fields that'll do a good job of hiding their camps and things of that nature."

"They're still there. There's not a single fewer homeless individual as a result of these measures," he said.

In the end, it'll depend on how aggressive Keizer Police will be in enforcing the ordinance on the books, Jones said. "What is likely to happen is...folks will drift outside the urban growth boundaries into the counties."

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Church

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wards are led by unpaid, laymen clergy.

Timothy Samuel Johnson and his wife Kristine Johnson were members of a Stayton ward when his wife learned he had "engaged in inappropriate conduct" with a minor known to him, according to the lawsuit.

After learning of the sexual abuse, the couple followed church doctrine by having Johnson confess and repent his sins before church clergy and the official church court.

The clergy portrayed that such a confession and repentance was dictated by church doctrine, and church doctrine required strict confidence of such confessions, according to the lawsuit.

Brandt also said church leaders represented "that whatever the scope of Mr. Johnson's evil transgressions, the Church and its clergy will spiritually counsel Mr. Johnson to bring peace within his life and family."

Johnson confessed to local leaders and members of the church court that he had sexually abused a minor.

But what leaders failed to advise Johnson of is that if he confessed to the abuse, they would report his actions to local law enforcement, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit filed in Oregon singled out a man who served as a counselor to Johnson's bishop, claiming the church failed to properly supervise him and train him of his obligations as a member of the clergy.

Guilty plea, 15-year sentence

Johnson, 47, was arrested in 2017 on charges of first-degree sodomy, sexual abuse and unlawful sexual penetration for sexually abusing a girl under the age of 16.

He later pleaded guilty to four counts of second-degree sexual abuse and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Two years later, his wife filed the lawsuit against the church accusing the clergy of breach of fiduciary duty, negligence and interference with prospective eco-

nomical advantage. Four of his children are also named as plaintiffs.

Church leaders' actions deprived Johnson's wife and children of his companionship, society, love and income, according to the lawsuit.

"(Clergy) knew or should have known that violating the doctrine of confidentiality under the circumstances alleged in this complaint would most certainly injure (his wife and children) financially," Brandt said.

Before being arrested, Johnson had a successful career as a sculptor.

The lawsuit requests \$5.5 million for his wife for loss of his income and for extreme emotional distress and \$1 million for each of his four children.

The lawsuit also requests \$40,000 to pay for Johnson's criminal defense attorney.

Church doctrine requires disclosure and repentance. The lawsuit quoted Latter-Day Saint's scripture Doctrine and Covenants 58:42-43:

"Behold he who has repented of his sins, the same is forgiven, and I, the Lord, remember them no more. By this ye may know if a man repenteth of his sins—behold, he will confess them and forsake them."

Church leaders were in a special position of trust with Johnson and his family, Brandt said they violated this trust when they failed to "disclose that despite the express doctrine of confidentiality intended to assist the family through difficult times," leaders would report the abuse to law enforcement.

Brandt said he's not aware of any other case in Oregon involving the breach of clergy confidentiality. He added that many members of the church were "appalled" by the actions of the church leader who allegedly violated this confidentiality and reported the abuse.

Mandatory reporting laws change

Oregon is one of the 28 states that specifically includes clergy on its list of mandatory reporters required to report known or suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect. But what is sometimes referred to as a confes-

sional-style "clergy-penitent privilege" is an exemption to mandatory reporting laws.

Such laws are constantly evolving. In Utah, a bill proposed in the state's 2020 session would require clergy to report all allegations of child abuse—even those made during religious confessional, according to the Salt Lake Tribune.

Recent lawsuits and reports have brought to light previous church practices of handling abuse within the church and not reporting sexual abuse to law enforcement.

A lawyer for a woman who reported being abused as child by her Latter-Day Saint father to her bishop only to have the matter go unreported to law enforcement told NPR-affiliate KUER that the main problem was that the church treated the abuse as simply a sin, not a crime.

Law enforcement in other cases accused leaders of being uncooperative with investigators.

Church officials in Utah did not respond to a request for comment on the lawsuit and did not reply to inquiries on how church leaders are instructed to respond to sexual abuse disclosures.

The official church website instructs leaders to "fulfill all legal obligations to report abuse to civil authorities."

Leaders are told to call the church's ecclesiastical helpline immediately after learning of abuse for assistance in helping victims and meeting reporting requirements.

Reporting laws vary from state to state.

The first responsibility of the church in abuse cases is to help those who have been abused and to protect those who may be vulnerable to future abuse, officials said.

A 2018 letter from top church leadership — the first Presidency — stated:

"This global issue continues to be of great concern to us today. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those who are affected by this serious problem."

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CRIME

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some red on it, a grey zip-up hooded sweatshirt, and dark blue or black jeans.

Another woman was inside of the Target store with the victim, and police want to speak to her, as well. She is described as a white female, with a thin build, wearing a red jacket and blue jeans. She had on a red beanie-style hat and was carrying a red Target shopping bag. Mozan said the women were together in the Target store, but then went their separate ways when leaving the store, with the victim walking to her car and the other woman walking away on foot. Mozan said later Monday afternoon they know who the other woman is, but have not yet



Two vehicles appear to box in the victim's vehicle in Monday's possible kidnapping at the West 11th Avenue Target store. [COURTESY OF EUGENE POLICE]

been able to contact her.

The two suspect vehicles involved in boxing in the woman's car were a black Audi sedan, with Oregon license plate 285HJE, and a silver SUV, possibly an older Ford Explorer driven by a white male with a dark jacket and a baseball hat.

Another vehicle possibly involved is described as a

tan or gold four-door Ford Focus.

Anyone who knows the identity of any of the involved or the vehicles are asked to call 911 immediately.

Eugene police said not to approach the vehicles or involved subjects. Mozan said it is unknown if the suspects are armed.

SAD

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live," Sharp said.

This change in availability of sunlight can affect mental health.

"Seasonal affective disorder is a subcategory of major depression," said David Neale, clinical lead of the intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization programs at PeaceHealth.

SAD is a type of depression that follows the pattern of the seasons often beginning and ending at the same time each year. Typically, SAD begins in the fall and lasts through spring — less often SAD can be experienced during spring and/or summer.

Winter pattern seasonal affective disorder symptoms include increased anxiety, apathy, sadness or mood swings. Changes in sleep — such as excessive sleeping or continued lethargy — irritability, problems with concentration and weight gain also are characteristic. In some instances suicidal thoughts are possible, Neale said.

"When you look at the actual statistics, the prevalence of winter-type seasonal pattern seems to vary with latitude. An age prevalence increases with higher latitudes on younger persons at higher risk for winter depressive episodes," said Neale, reading over the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition in his office. Seasonally triggered depression becomes more frequently found in young people the more north — or south — one looks on the globe. This coincides with Sharp's assertion that seasonal changes regarding light and weather are more dramatic as latitude approaches either pole.

Because it is a subcategory, someone seeking help for SAD likely would



The sun lamp is 10,000 lumens and simulates sunlight. A person using a sun lamp should not look directly into the light, but rather let it sit adjacent to the user. [DANA SPARKS/THE REGISTER-GUARD]

be assessed for major depression first. The typical treatment for depression still applies to a seasonal component — with some nuances.

To combat SAD, Neale recommends getting regular outdoor activity, getting as much sun as possible, healthy nutrition, regular sleep and using bright light treatment. Bright light treatment, also known as a happy lamp or a sun lamp, simulates being in direct sunlight, so don't look directly at it to avoid eye damage.

SAD begins to set in as fall deepens and continues until spring when, Neale says, the individual likely will experience a remission in their depression. Similar to those with depression, Neale suspects that seasonal depression can affect those with a bipolar disorder.

When Neale worked in the emergency department of PeaceHealth, he reported seeing an increase of people with bipolar disorder seeking services after it got really dark out and again in the spring as the sun emerged more frequently — the change in light possibly triggering depressive or hypomanic episodes,

respectively.

Even still, not all winter blues are attributed to SAD. The holidays that come when there's less sun can be especially hard — with mental health diagnoses or not.

"What I do see is a big influx of patients and referrals for mental health that occur right now," Neale said. "The holidays are over. We're starting a new year. I must have 10 referrals in the last two days — so that's not necessarily seasonal affective disorder."

Neale believes that recovery time from the holidays, difficult family interactions or experiencing separation from family after the holidays may contribute to the need for taking care of oneself.

Seeing a therapist or seeking mental health support may be necessary or beneficial in managing these symptoms or feelings. To find a therapist, contact your primary healthcare provider or insurance.

If you or someone you know are experiencing a mental health crisis, call the Whitebird Crisis Line at 541-687-4000 or the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

Sunday at elevations above 3,500 feet.

The weather could turn warm briefly on Tuesday, but then it's expected to drop quickly and bring 8 to 14 inches of snow at pass levels Tuesday night into Wednesday.

While that's good news for winter recreation, it will make travel over Cascade passes difficult at times — mainly between the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon.

Officials suggested looking at TripCheck.com before traveling over the mountains and preparing to travel through snow.

In northwest Oregon, the most impacted roads include Highway 26 near Government Camp and Mount Hood, Highway 20 over Santiam Pass and Highway 58 over Willamette Pass.

Most Cascade passes, including in southwest Oregon, will also be affected.

"Right now, I don't see any end to these storms," Jensen said. "It should really help us build that snowpack back up."

In the lower elevations of the Willamette Valley — including Eugene, Salem and Portland — consistent rain is expected.

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BORDER

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returning from a concert by an Iranian pop star in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Saturday night, while others had been vacationing or visiting relatives over the holidays.

Unusual delays in clearing travelers of Iranian descent continued until Sunday afternoon but appeared to have ended by Monday, the civil rights groups said. It was not immediately clear if travelers had been similarly delayed elsewhere.

Immigrant rights groups and lawmakers said singling out Iranian-Americans was wrong and violated their right to equal protection under the law.

Negah Hekmati, 38, told a news conference at the Seattle office of U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal on Monday that she and her husband were detained, along with their 8-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter, from midnight to 5 a.m. Sunday as they returned from a ski trip. They are all U.S. citizens, though she and her husband were born in Iran.

The family is in the NEXUS program — an expedited border-crossing program for low-risk travelers — and visits relatives in Canada about once a month, she said. They had never previously been detained for so long.

"My daughter was telling me, 'Please don't speak Farsi. Maybe if you don't speak Farsi they won't take you,'" Hekmati said. "This is not OK."

Border guards took their passports, NEXUS cards and car keys, she said. They questioned her about her parents, her education and her Facebook and email accounts, she said, and asked her husband about the military service he was required to perform in Iran



Traffic enters Canada from the United States at the Peace Arch Border Crossing in Blaine, Wash. [ELAINE THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, OCT. 9, 2019]

as a young man.

Another family they were traveling with was similarly detained, and they said they saw about two dozen other families — all of Iranian descent — in the same waiting area, Hekmati said. Only one white family passed through the area while they were there, she said, and that family was allowed to leave within minutes.

Michael Friel, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said reports that Iranian-Americans were detained or refused entry because of where they were born were not true.

"Based on the current threat environment, CBP is operating with an enhanced posture at its ports of entry to safeguard our national security and protect the America people while simultaneously protecting the civil rights and liberties of everyone," Friel said in a statement.

He said border wait times increased to an average of two hours Saturday evening at Blaine, Washington, because of increased traffic and reduced staffing because of the holiday season.

Jayapal and others rejected the assertion that low staffing levels had anything to do with the singling out of Iranian or Iranian-American families. She suggested the Department of Homeland Security, which includes Customs and Border Protection, was lying.

"DHS was the same

agency that denied family separations were happening" on the southern border, she noted.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, tweeted Sunday that his office was trying to speak with people who experienced problems and was asking federal government officials for more information.

Jorge Baron, executive director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, said he went to the border crossing at Blaine on Sunday in response to the reports. He tweeted that he spoke with one legal permanent resident of the U.S. who was detained for 11 hours overnight in "secondary screening" along with about 40 other people who had been born in Iran.

"Bottom-line: Despite CBP denials, this was definitely happening," Baron wrote.

He reported meeting with three families — all U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents — who had been delayed as long as 2½ hours. "@CBP claims that they were not 'detaining' people but this is only true if you define 'detain' to mean only to be placed in a locked room," Baron tweeted. "These individuals were in a waiting area and could walk to the parking lot but were not free to go: They were not being allowed to enter the U.S. (their only home) and CBP was holding their passports so they couldn't back to Canada even if they had wanted to."

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JILLIAN WARD PHOTOS, THE WORLD

The new Winter Lakes High School and Coquille School District Trade Building was crowded on Monday as community members got a tour of the finished building.

Winter Lakes

From A1

restroom that features a shower.

"These are for kids who might need these, whatever their situation is, and are welcome to them," he said.

The space for the cosmetology program hasn't been finished quite yet, but Sweeney said that should be ready to see classes by next September.

"None of us had any idea this was possible," Sweeney said, looking around at the new building. "To fill a need for our students is gratifying."

He pointed out that since opening Winter Lakes School, it has led 450 students to graduation.

"And of those, 325 probably wouldn't have graduated without it," Sweeney said.

Reporter Jillian Ward can be reached at 541-269-1222, ext. 235, or by email at jillian.ward@theworldlink.com. Follow her on Twitter: @JE_Wardwriter.



Winter Lakes administrator Tony Jones shows off the new Winter Lakes High School and Coquille School District Trade Building during the ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday. Classes began Tuesday.



Winter Lakes Administrator Tony Jones shows off one of the new construction simulators at the new Winter Lakes High School and Coquille School District Trade Building.

STATE BRIEFS

Woman sues Mormon church over husband's abuse disclosure

An Oregon woman is suing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for \$9.54 million after her husband's confession to church leaders led to his arrest, conviction and imprisonment on child sexual abuse charges.

The lawsuit, filed in Marion County Circuit Court, involves a Turner man convicted of abuse after he confessed to Stayton clergy that he had repeated sexual contact with a minor.

Church officials did not respond to the Statesman Journal for comment.

The man's confession was meant to be confidential, said the family's attorney Bill Brandt.

Timothy Samuel Johnson and his wife Kristine Johnson were members of a Stayton, Oregon, Mormon ward when his wife learned he had "engaged in inappropriate conduct" with a minor known to him, according to the lawsuit.

After learning of the sexual abuse, the couple followed church doctrine by having Johnson confess and repent his sins before church clergy and the official church court.

Brandt also said church leaders represented "that whatever the scope of Mr. Johnson's evil transgressions, the Church and its clergy will spiritually counsel Mr. Johnson to bring peace within his life and family."

Johnson confessed to local leaders and members of the church court that he had sexually abused a minor.

But what leaders failed to advise Johnson of is that if he confessed to the abuse, they would report his actions to local law enforcement, according to the lawsuit.

Johnson, 47, was ar-

rested in 2017 on charges of first-degree sodomy, sexual abuse and unlawful sexual penetration for sexually abusing a girl under the age of 16.

2 men arrested, charged in Portland fatal shooting

PORTLAND (AP) — Two men have been charged with murder stemming from a shooting in Southeast Portland on Saturday.

KATU-TV reports Christopher Watkins, 19, and Timothy Burks, 20, are each facing one count of second-degree murder after police say they intentionally caused the death of DeAndre Rouse.

Officers responded to the area shortly after 5 a.m. Saturday. Officers found Rouse dead.

Police chased a fleeing vehicle and found it later abandoned, with a trail of blood leading away from it, court documents said. Authorities followed it, located and arrested Burks, who police say was bleeding from a gunshot wound in the arm.

Watkins was found later Saturday and arrested after authorities learned he had been picked up using a ride-sharing app. It wasn't immediately known if they have lawyers.

Man pleads not guilty after child hit, killed in crosswalk

GRESHAM (AP) — A 26-year-old man has pleaded not guilty to several charges after an 11-year-old was hit and killed in a crosswalk near his school Monday in the Portland suburb of Gresham.

Multnomah County Dis-

trict Attorney Rod Underhill said Garret Bergquist was charged Tuesday with two counts of manslaughter, once count of driving under the influence of intoxicants and one count of reckless driving.

Bergquist appeared in court Tuesday and pleaded not guilty to all the charges. An attorney told him that he would remain in custody pending further evaluation, the Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Luis Medina was hit in a marked crosswalk on Southeast Hogan Road Monday morning, according to Gresham police. Bergquist ran a red light and struck Medina, who was tossed about 80 feet (24 meters) and died at the scene, police said.

The district attorney said a drug recognition evaluator who responded determined Bergquist was impaired by central nervous system depressants and narcotic pain relievers and could not safely operate a motor vehicle.

Woman accuses Oregon Taxi driver of sexual assault in suit

EUGENE (AP) — A Springfield woman has filed a \$1.5 million lawsuit against Oregon Taxi and one of the company's drivers, accusing the driver of sexual assault.

The Register-Guard reports the woman told Springfield police after the alleged incident, but no charges have been filed.

The Springfield police spokesperson was out of the office Monday. A call Monday to Oregon Taxi was not immediately returned and it is not known if the driver still works for the company.

The Register-Guard does not name alleged victims of sexual assault.

Clubs

From A2

12:30 p.m., Reedsport Eagles Club, 510 Greenwood Ave., Reedsport. 541-271-2037

Bunco Every Thursday 12:45-2 p.m., North Bend Senior Center, 1470 Airport Lane, North Bend. 541-756-7622

Bandon Prepares Fourth Thursday 1 p.m., Bandon Fire Station, 50530 US Highway 101, Bandon.

Furry Friends Therapy Dogs Fourth Thursday 1 p.m., Coos Bay Fire Station, 450 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay. 541-808-8710, furryfriends-therapydogs.org

Hand & Foot Every Thursday 1 p.m., Lakeside Senior Center, 915 N. Lake Road, Lakeside. 541-759-3819

No Lazy Kates Spinning Every Thursday 1 p.m., Wool Company, 990 U.S. Highway 101, Bandon. Knitters, crocheters and spinners welcome. 541-347-3115

Unbook Club Fourth Thursday 1 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave., North Bend. Unassigned reading, list to review.

Environmental Management Advisory Committee Every Thursday 1:30 p.m., City Hall Large Conference Room, Florence. 541-997-8237

Novel Idea Book Club Second Thursday 2-3 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave., North Bend. 541-756-0400

Bingo Every Thursday 6 p.m., Eagles, 568 S Second St., Coos Bay.

Kitchen opens at 5. 541-267-6613

Coos County Republican's Committee Fourth Thursday 6 p.m., Pony Village Mall, suite 155, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend. 520-483-3562

Bay Area Bonsai Society Third Thursday 6 p.m., Pony Village Mall, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend. 541-267-7597

Bay Area CERT Eastside Last Thursday 6 p.m., Coos Bay Fire Station 3, 365 D St., Eastside. <cite class="\"iluh30\">www.facebook.com/CoosCountyCERT</cite>

Community Coalition of Empire Third Thursday 6 p.m., Dolphin Playhouse, 580 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay. 541-4049-8059 or 541-404-8360

The Southwestern Oregon Rose Society First Thursday 6 p.m., Coos Bay Fire Station, 450 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay. 541-396-2369 or 541-808-7230

Coquille Kiwanis Club Every Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m., Rolling Pin Pizza, 29 W First St., Coquille. 541-396-3977

Toastmasters Club No. 249 First and Third Thursday 6-7 p.m., Shutter Creek Correctional Institution, 95200 Shutters Landing Lane, Hauser. Authorization required. 541-751-2263

Bay Area Artists Association Third Thursday 6-8 p.m., Coos Art Museum, 235 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay. 541-217-8242. No July meeting

Coquille Valley Seed Community Second Thursday 6-8 p.m., Coquille Community Center, 115 N Birch, Coquille. Fragrance-free. facebook.

com/coquillevalleyseedcommunity
Bingo at Lakeside Lions Every Thursday 6:30 p.m., Lions Hall, 890 Bowron Road. Doors open 5 p.m. lakesidefirefighter8642@gmail.com 520-483-3562

Coquille Carousel Association Last Thursday 6:30 p.m., Jefferson School, 790 W.17th St., Coquille. coquillecarousel.org

Oregon Coast Anglers Association First Thursday 6:30 p.m., Winchester Bay RV Resort Rec Center, 120 Marina Way, Winchester Bay. www.facebook.com/oreogncoast-anglers.org

South Coast Inventors First Thursday 6:20 p.m., Newmark Center Room 207, 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay. southcoastinventors.org

Coos County Republican Central Committee Fourth Thursday 6:30 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, 1313 N. Bayshore Drive, Coos Bay. No-host dinner 5:30 p.m. 541-396-2498

Coquille Carousel Association Fourth Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jefferson School, 790 W 17th, Coquille. http://coquillecarousel.org

Karaoke 6:30-9:30 p.m. First and Second Thursday, Eagles, 510 Greenwood Ave., Reedsport. RAW entertainment.

Coastal Corvettes Unlimited First Thursday 7 p.m., Bandon VFW Hall, 55382 Bates Road. 541-404-6481

Coos Sand 'n Sea Quilters First Thursday 6:30 p.m., Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1290 Thompson Road, Coos Bay. September through June. csnguild@gmail.com
Eastside Neighborhood Watch

Last Thursday 7 p.m., Coos Bay Fire Station 3, 365 D St., Eastside.

Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club Third Thursday 7 p.m., North

Bend Lanes, 1225 Virginia Ave., North Bend. 541-294-3332

Blanco Lodge #48 AF&M First Thursday 7:30 p.m., Masonic

Temple, 295 N. Fourth St., Coos Bay. 541-888-5148

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1/23 BART BUDWIG BAND: COSMIC COUNTRY- 7PM

1/26 PUB SCIENCE: "SEA OTTERS PAST AND PRESENT" BY BOB BAILEY - 3PM

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