

‘Fourth of July Miracle’: Missing 4-Year-Old Found Alive After Walking Nearly Five Miles Along Oregon Coast

Authorities arrested Ethan Adrian Armenta-Lagunas, 20, and Gabriel Alex Javier, 18, both of Salem. They face charges including first-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon, criminal mischief and recklessly endangering another person.

Police said multiple firearms were allegedly discovered inside Armenta-Lagunas’ apartment during the investigation. Authorities are still searching for a third suspect, Anthony Taylor-Manriquez, 22, who is considered armed and dangerous.

Investigators said Garcia was leaving the restaurant with his wife and children, ages 2 and 7, when shots rang out near the drive-thru. Bullets shattered the family’s car windows, though Garcia’s wife and children escaped physical injury.

Yet amid the violence and fear, Garcia’s actions became the story that captured widespread attention.

“In the middle of chaos and fear, while he was injured and in pain, he somehow found the strength to drive us out of the scene to safety,” Garcia’s wife wrote in an online fundraiser, according to Fox News. “He protected our family before thinking of himself. That is the kind of man and father he is.”



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The account reads like something out of a movie, but for this Oregon family, it became a testimony of survival and what many are calling a miracle.

Images shared online reportedly showed the bullet removed from Garcia's head during surgery. Despite the severity of the injury, his wife said he avoided major brain damage and is now recovering at home.

"The doctors told us what we already believe – this is nothing short of a miracle," she said, according to Fox News. "Now he faces a long road of rest, healing, and recovery."

Stories like this remind us how fragile life can be and how quickly ordinary moments can turn into tragedy. A routine stop for food became a nightmare no family should ever endure. Yet in the middle of violence, God's protection remained evident.

Scripture reminds us in Psalm 46:1 that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Garcia's survival after such a devastating injury stands as a powerful reminder that the Lord still moves in ways doctors and human understanding cannot fully explain.

As Garcia continues recovering and authorities search for the remaining suspect, we should keep this family lifted in prayer. Pray for complete healing for Garcia, peace for his wife and children after the trauma they experienced, and protection over their family in the difficult days ahead.

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Oregon High School Girls Walk Off Podium Over Inclusion of Male Competitor

Two Oregon high school athletes, Alexa Anderson and Reese Eckard, made headlines at the state track and field championships in Eugene on May 31, 2025.

After finishing third and fourth in the girls' high jump, they refused to stand on the medal podium alongside Liaa Rose, a transgender athlete assigned male at birth.

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Footage captured the athletes turning their backs and stepping off the platform as Rose was announced—a silent protest against the competitor's inclusion.

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Anderson later told Fox News that their protest was not driven by hatred: “We did it because someone has to say this isn't right. In order to protect the integrity and fairness of girls sports we must stand up for what is right”.

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An official escorted Anderson and Eckard off the stage, and it remains unclear whether their actions affected their official rankings.

The incident adds to a growing trend of female athletes voicing concerns over transgender participation in girls' sports. Oregon follows recent state-level protests in Maryland and California.

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The protest has reignited national debate over Title IX protections and federal involvement. Earlier this year, President Donald Trump signed an executive order aimed at preventing biological males from competing in women's sports—a move supported by the America First Policy Institute, which also filed a Title IX complaint against Oregon on May 27.

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Oregon Educator Sues Over Removal of Christian-Themed Books from Office

An Oregon educator has filed a federal lawsuit against the InterMountain Education Service District, alleging that his constitutional rights were violated when he was ordered to remove Christian-themed children's books from his office.

The case underscores ongoing tensions between religious expression and institutional policies in public education settings.

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Roderick Theis, a licensed clinical social worker and education specialist with IMESD since 2008, displayed three books in his offices at La Grande Middle School and Elgin School District: He Is He, She Is She, and Johnny the Walrus. Theis stated that these books reflect his Christian beliefs about gender and were intended to inspire children to embrace their God-given identities.

In Oct. 2024, a staff member filed a complaint, labeling the books as “transphobic.” Subsequently, IMESD officials instructed Theis to remove the books, deeming them a “hostile expression of animus” toward individuals based on gender identity. Theis was warned that failure to comply could result in disciplinary action, including termination.

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The lawsuit, filed with the assistance of Alliance Defending Freedom, argues that IMESD’s actions constitute viewpoint discrimination. Theis contends that while his expression of Christian beliefs was censored, other employees were permitted to display materials supporting various ideological perspectives, including LGBTQ+ themes and political messages.

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Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Tyson Langhofer stated, “Government officials are wrong to tell me I can’t express my sincere religious beliefs about male and female. Every American, including my co-workers, has the same freedom to express their own views on the subject.”

Theis seeks damages and a court order allowing him to display the books, asserting that IMESD’s policies infringe upon his

First and Fourteenth Amendment rights. The case highlights the broader debate over religious freedom and free speech within public institutions.

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‘Hundreds of protestors against us in Seattle’ at MayDayUSA Event

Christians in the Pacific Northwest are persecuted at every level for even talking about the biblical foundations of biological gender and standing up against extreme legislation threatening parental authority.

Remember how they had to fight fines and prison time for keeping their churches open during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020?

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Last Saturday, May 24, we stepped into Seattle knowing that it was going to be different from previous cities we had visited in our May Day USA Tour. But when our event began at Cal Anderson Park in the heart of the Emerald City, it was unlike anything I had ever seen.