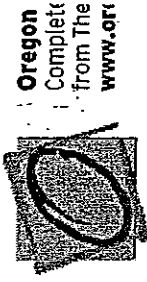


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## HILLSBORO

# Jury sees killer as monster who must die

*Johnson, convicted of drugging, raping and strangling a 15-year-old, is seen as a parent's nightmare*

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**HILLSBORO** — Every parent's nightmare — that's how the jury saw Martin Allen Johnson.

And that's how a Washington County Circuit Court jury was able to make the difficult decision to send Johnson to Oregon's Death Row for killing 15-year-old Heather Fay Fraser in February 1998.

"Some lives or some quality of life has been saved by the decision I made," said Guy Haynes, foreman of the jury that took three hours last week to convict Johnson and two hours Tuesday to decide he should be put to death.

"I think it was the impetus for the decision of all the jurors. We were saving some young ladies out

there from having some traumatic things happen to them."

Fraser had been drugged, raped, strangled and hit on the back of the head before her body was thrown off a Clatsop County bridge into the Columbia River.

Speeding the decision was Johnson's predatory nature, dating back as far as 1978, when he drugged and sexually assaulted a 17-year-old girl. Since then, Johnson, 44, has shown a sexual perversion for girls as young as 12 and 13, hanging out in underage clubs. He even devised a play for meeting teen-age girls, handing out "lower drinking age" petitions at concerts and carnivals to get their names and phone numbers.

When police arrested him, they found in his apartment petitions and girls' names on dozens of concert slips from the computer store where he worked.

The 54-year-old Haynes talked with The Oregonian this week because he wanted to warn parents about the Martin Johnsons of the

world. Although he is not a parent, he said he wanted the "message to go out for all parents to get involved in every aspect of their children's lives."

The last person to see Fraser alive was her mother, Ronda, who asked her daughter to wake her when she left. Fraser told her mother that she was going to "Marty's" house to play on the Internet.

"He is what parental nightmares are made out of," Haynes, a car dealership service representative, said of Johnson. "He's the kind of guy you wake up in the middle of the night worrying about after your child goes out, no matter how good or bad your child is."

### Girls listed in computer

Fraser's name was among the names, phone numbers, addresses, birth dates and workplaces of about 200 teen-age girls that Johnson kept updated in his computer at the former Unified Sewerage Agency in Hillsboro, where he

worked as a wastewater operator.

Several girls testified that Johnson supplied them with drugs and alcohol, slipped

morphine from his dying father's medical supply into their drinks or knocked them out with rags dipped in ether. Some got so sick they ended up in emergency rooms. Some said they woke up and found Johnson sexually assaulting them.



**JOHNSON**  
*Had history of assaulting underage girls*

David Peters, one of Johnson's court-appointed attorneys, argued that Johnson's life should be spared because he didn't pose a danger in prison. Peters said Johnson, who had been in prison previously on cocaine-selling and firearms convictions, thrived in that environment because there were

rules and no teen-age girls.

Haynes said he disagreed with the theory that Johnson wouldn't be a threat if sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

As outlined by an officer from the Oregon State Penitentiary who testified for the prosecution, Haynes noted that lifers have greater access to phones, mail, advertising and, potentially, computers than do prisoners on Death Row, who are locked in their cells 23 hours a day.

Haynes said the deliberations during both the guilt and penalty phases were fair, orderly and businesslike.

One juror at first thought the death penalty should be reserved for serial killers, Haynes said. "We didn't go after that juror; we just went on with the discussion," he said. "And pretty soon that juror decided it was what had to be done."